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Went To Steal, Lost An Ear

PATNA, Feb. 19 (P.T.I.).

A burglar lost his ear at the hands of a woman, while attempting a theft in the village of Basua in Monghyr District, according to a report received here.

The report said that the burglar while forcing his head through a hole cut in the wall of a house was surprised by a woman inmate who chopped off one of his ears. His loud wailings brought the people of the locality and he was caught and handed over to the Police.

Saksena's Fast: Pulse Slower

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19 (P.T.I.): Dr. S. Rishi, President of the New Delhi Congress Committee, who examined this evening Prof Shibban Lal Saksena and Mr. Mukund Singh, who are on fast since Saturday has issued the following health bulletin.

"Shri Shibban Lal Saksena, after 24 hours of fasting, is keeping good spirits, though the pulse is slightly slower and is showing signs of weakness. Shri Mukund Singh's condition has begun to show marked weakness.

"Shri Shibban Lal Saksena was 184 lbs. in weight, had a pulse rate of eighty and a blood presure of -140/84, while Shri Mukund Singh was 130 lbs. in weight with a pulse rate of 90 and a blood pressure of 125/80. The pulse rate has fallen today in both cases".

EAST BENGAL MINORITIES WILL BE PROTECTED

But No Retaliation Here, Warns Nehru

SECRET SESSION OF THE A. I. C. C.

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19, (UPI).

THE situation arising out of communal disturbances in East Pakistan was discussed for about two hours by the A.I.C.C. at its secret session today.

Other subjects which were touched upon were the Muslim migration to Assam from East Pakistan, general economic situation in the country and Congress organisational matters, it is learnt.

Prime Minister Pandit Nehru in a 45-minute survey of the situation appealed to the delegates and through the delegates to the people in general "to keep peace" inside the country. He is reported to have said that if they maintained peace inside India, the hand of the Government of India would be strengthened in taking "suitable" action to protect the minorities in Pakistan.

During a two and half hour session, three members from West Bengal placed before the delegates a "grim" picture of the conditions of the minorities in East Bengal. They apprised the AICC with details of murders, arson and loot all over East Bengal and are understood to have urged upon the Government to take "immediate and drastic steps" to avert a major crisis. Bengal members, including Mr. Suren Mohan Ghosh, President, BPCC, Dr. Pratap Guha Roy and Mr. Lal Mohan Sen, plainly said it was impossible for Hindus to continue to live in Eastern Pakistan.

LEAGUE'S DESIGNS

Mr. Rohini Kumar Chowdhury dwelt at length with the situation created by influx of Muslims from East Bengal into Assam, and asked for immediate action to expel the undesirable immigrants from province so as to frustrate the political design of the Muslim League, which has encouraged the migration of Muslims to Assam.

Prime Minister Pandit Nehru opposed any retaliation by individuals in India. He said it was wrong to think that the Government were "sleeping" over the East Bengal situation. Government were seized of the problem and asked the people to leave things to the State, because such things could be decided only by the State. Asking the people to keep quiet, he is understood to have said that then only Government would have the face to tell Pakistan that if they could not protect their minorities, "we can protect their minorities". He reminded the delegates of the message of Gandhiji and said, "we must protect the life and property of every citizen in our State".

ARMY EXPENDITURE

Pandit Nehru touched upon Kashmir, rehabilitation of refugees, defence expenditure, and general economic situation. He said their desire was to reduce the army expenditure which was four times more at present, but every one seemed to be in support of the huge army expenditure. This was, however, a temporary phase, and he suggested that after one or two years, army expenditure would have to be reduced. Otherwise, nation-building programmes would suffer.

The AICC session was thereafter formally concluded with the singing of the "Jana Gana Manah".

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

"The main discussion at today's informal meeting of the AICC which was addressed by 14 members of the All India Congress Committee, centred on the recent happening in East Pakistan and Calcutta", said the Congress General Secretary, Shri Kala Venkatarao, in a statement to pressmen after the 'in-camera' meeting of the AICC

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Killed For A Place In The Footpath!

BOMBAY, Sunday.

TWO footpath-dwellers of the city fell out on the question of selection of a particular place of their habitant for sleeping and in the resultant clash, one of them struck the other with a spade, and killed him, the Nagpada Police reported today.

Kamal Kishore, a 15-year old coolie, as usual went to sleep late on Saturday night at the footpath near the Bombay Central Railway Station with his friend. Soon after a wordy duel arose as both of them wanted the same place to sleep. The quarel developed into a regular fight and in a flight of anger, the other man seized a spade and dealt a heavy blow on Kishore's head. The victim collapsed immediately and succumbed to his injuries before admission to the hospital.

The alleged assailant is absconding. The Nagpada Police are investigating the case.

PEOPLE'S OWN GOVERNOR

Day Will Come, Says Dr. Malan

PAARAL, (Cape Province), Feb. 19 (PTI-Reuter): South African Prime Minister Daniel Malan's declaration yesterday that "the day will come when" South Africa's Governor-General will be elected by the people stated no new policy, according to observers here.

Dr. Malan told a public meeting he felt the Governor-General would be elected by the people and not appointed by the Crown. "If we want to became a Republic, there is just one step", he said.

"The Governor-General should not be named or chosen by the Government, let him be a representative of the people, chosen by the people". Observers said the Nationalist Party had always stood for a Republic, but the issue was dropped by agreement with the Afrikaner Party during the 1948 general election.

Dr. Malan, as several other Cabinet Ministers had done lately, was dealing with aims after the present five-year term of office ends and a new general election has been held.

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OF MICE AND MEN

OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, Feb. 18 (PTI-Reuter): Atomic scientists here are pinning their hopes on 100,000 mice to reveal the possible effects to radiation on human heredity; 40,000 mice are already getting periodic doses of X-rays in special laboratories at this atomic research centre. Eventually the colony will be increased to 100,000.

Scientists say they will have to study many mouse generations over at least 10 years before reaching any conclusions.

REGULATING THE INDUSTRIES

Differences Over Bill To Be Ironed Out

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19.

The Industries Regulation Bill, the Select Committee report on which was presented last week to Parliament is put down for second reading on February 2 to 4. Meanwhile efforts are being made to iron out differences and reach agreement over its provisions that have emerged from the Select Committee. Some further modifications in the bill are envisaged here.

Killed In The Rush

MONGHYR, Feb. 19 (PTI): Two persons were killed and several injured when a newly-built wall near the booking office of a local cinema collapsed under the rush of a crowd of cinefans.

INFUSING NEW BLOOD IN THE CONGRESS

"Younger Element" In A.I.C.C. Meet To Discuss

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19, (PTI).

A propos Prime Minister Pandit Nehru's call yesterday to "revitalise" the Congress, over 30 members of the A.I.C.C., described as the "younger element", met this evening to discuss "ways and means of infusing new blood in the national organisation".

The meeting which was presided over by Mr. Jawaharlal Jhanjheria (Madhya Bharat) appointed a subcommittee to discuss the matter with the Working Committee and take necessary action. The members of the Committee include among others Mr. Mohan Singh Sawhney (Convener), Mrs. Ram Dulari (Bihar), and Mr. Ansar Harvani (U.P.)

A resolution passed by the meeting said that in this critical period of India's history "young Congressmen alone can strengthen the hands of the national leadership" and save the organisation from "stagnation and disruption".

Explaining the reasons that led the "younger element" to meet and appoint a sub-committee, the resolution said that such a step had been necessitated following the failure of the Working Committee to chalk out a scheme for a youth organisation in spite of earlier announcements.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 18 (PTI-Reuter): Holland is to refuse visas to Foreign Communists wishing to attend the Dutch Communist Party Conference starting at Rotterdam on February 25, usually reliable sources said today.

A FINGER FOR A TICKET

BANARAS, Feb. 19 (PTI): In a quarrel over the purchase of cinema tickets, one person bit off a finger of his rival near a cinema house here yesterday.

It is stated that the two cinema fans wer standing in queue before the booking window when the dispute arose as to who should have precedence for the purchase of tickets.

After losing a finger, one went to the local hospital while the other spent the night in the police lock-up.

Move To Avert Transport Strike On March 1

BOMBAY, Sunday.

AN attempt to avert the proposed Socialist-sponsored token strike of the State transport workers in the Bombay State on March 1, 1950 is being made.

It is learnt that the State transport authorities in Bombay have invited representatives of the Socialist-sponsored State transport Kamagar Sabha for a conference in Bombay on the 27th of this month. This date, it is further learnt, is not acceptable to the Sabha representatives as they have suggested that talks be held on the 25th so that agreement, if any, reach edoculd be communicated to all the branch offices in time.

In spite of the above development, however, Kamgar Sabha workers were to carry on propaganda for the proposed strike, a spokesman of the Sabha told U.P.I. today. He expressed confidence that at least 500 workers out of a total strength of 9,000 would join the strike.

SITUATION NORMAL IN CALCUTTA

Peace Procession In City

CALCUTTA, Feb. 19 (UPI): The situation in the city and its suburbs was normal today. No Government press note was issued during the day.

Mr. Abdul Qayum Ansari, Minister of Bihar who had come to study the situation in Calcutta went round the affected areas. He also met the West Bengal Governor Dr. K. N. Katju, the Chief Minister Dr. B. C. Roy and a number of prominent leaders.

Later, addressing a public meeting in Calcutta Mr. Ansari said that while the matter was that of disgrace, there was a silver lining amidst darkness as the masses had not indulged in communal frenzy. He made a fervent appeal for maintenance of peace and communal harmony.

A peace procession of students and workers was organized in Calcutta today by the Peace Committee. The procession started from Sradhanand Park and passed through the recently disturbed areas. Slogans calling for communal amity and harmony and exposing the game of vested interests for fomenting communal trouble, were shouted all the way.

Pakistan Releases Pilots Held As Hostages

CALCUTTA, Feb. 19.

THE Australian pilots A. C. Anderson and C. A. Randall of Bharat Airways who had so long been detained in Eastern Pakistan as hostages were released this morning from Comilla and arrived in Calcutta by air in the afternoon. They were accompanied by Radio Officer M. L. Ghosh who was also detained along with them.

They were arrested when their Dakota force-landed at Comilla in December last, and were removed to a hospital there suffering from extensive burns.

The Bharat Airways had sent a plane to Comilla this morning to bring the released pilots and the radio officer. The airmen were received at Dum Dum by the General Manager of the Bharat Airways, other officials of the company, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Randall.

From the aerodrome they were taken to a nursing home for treatment.

Enquiries at the nursing home revealed that Captains Anderson and Randall who were suffering from burns were likely to be discharged in a few days, but the condition of Radio Officer M. L. Ghosh was "not satisfactory" and required prolonged treatment.

Labour Sure Of 300 Seats!

PARTIES TAKE FINAL STOCK

LONDON, Feb. 19 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Britain's two major political parties have been taking final stock of their election chances this weekend, both declaring they are confident they will be returned to power.

The majority opinion in Britain seemed to be that this was still a bread and butter election, with austerity, rationing, prices and wages—the deciding factors.

Labour, the Government Party, is confident that it can already count on 300 industrial seats out of the Parliamentary total of 625.

Labour statisticians calculate that Conservatives can equally depend upon a hard core of 200—about the same as in last Parliament.

It is the extra 100 seats which are at stake.

Conservative headquarters believe that they will get a majority of at least 40 seats in the new Parliament. Labour Party admit they do not expect to be back with anything like their previous majority of about 150 over all, but predict they will succeed in retaining power by a margin of 50 or 60 seats.

FRANCE WANTS A SHARE

Negotiations With Russia

SAINT ETIENNE, Feb. 19 (P.T.I.-Reuter): French Premier Georges Bidault indicated in a speech at Saint Etienne, Central France, today that France did not intend to be left out of any negotiations resulting from Mr. Winston Churchill's suggestion of a new western approach to Russia.

"Mr. Winston Churchill who was our champion and our friend in international conferences at which we were not yet present, and when a claim was raised to settle the fate of the world without France—has just pronounced at an electoral campaign meeting in favour of a three power conference", he said.

"I have difficulty in believing that his idea is in its final form".

M. Bidault speaking of national defence said that if necessary his government would seek further legal powers to prevent sabotage.

He was speaking 24 hours after the Ministry of the Interior had given instructions for fighting such sabotage, and particularly Communist attempts to hold up arms and supplies for the French Forces in Indo-China.

SOCIAL SERVICE A CIVIC DUTY

B. G. Kher's Message

BOMBAY, Sunday (P.T.I.): Mr. B. G. Kher, Chief Minister of Bombay in a message to the organisers of the "Social Welfare Day"—to be celebrated throughout India tomorrow—has stated that "so long as the average income in this country is so low. The State cannot provide for a sufficiently comprehensive social services programme".

"The resources of the State", the message added, "have to be utilised for the primary functions of the Government. It is therefore obligatory on those who have a civic sense to organise and develop efficient social service agencies all over the country and tackle problems of fighting ignorance, prejudice and want".

Hyderabad Elections Postponed

HYDERABAD, Feb. 19 (P.T.I.): Elections to the Hyderabad Constituent Assembly provisionally fixed for March this year have been postponed, it is learnt from usually reliable quarters.

Tito Complains About Loan

"DIFFICULTIES BEING MADE"

BELGRADE, Feb. 19 (PTI-Reuter). Marshal Tito told a crowd of 50,000 that "difficulties" were being made about the loan for which Yugoslavia had asked the International Bank.

"We have been asking for a year but the matter is still in suspense", he said in a speech to open the campaign for the Yugoslav Assembly elections on March 26.

Denying Cominform press allegations that Yugoslavia was being sold for dollars, Marshal Tito declared: "We are not receiving any money for propaganda. We have asked for loans from America and from the Banks. The Cominform countries have done the same though with exception of Poland, they have received nothing."

Marshal Tito told his audience that if tomorrow the west did not wish to trade with Yugoslavia, or exerted pressure on Yugoslavia, "we will rather reconcile ourselves to the fact that our five year plan cannot be fulfilled for some time than renounce our principles".

NO LEANING

Stressing that "we do not lean on anybody in the world", Marshal Tito said "Yugoslavia did not belong to any camp and would not take part in any bloc. Our foreign policy must conform to our Communist principles".

U.N.C.I.P. Members In Pakistan

KARACHI Feb. 19 (P T I-Reuter): Ambassador Colban of the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan, accompanied by two members arrived at Mauripore airport this afternoon by a United States of America Air Force Dakota. The party was received at the airport by Mr. C. H. Shaikh of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations.

TRANSFER OF POPULATION ONLY WAY OUT

East Bengal Minority View

CALCUTTA, Feb. 19 (P.T.I.): Representatives of the minorities in East Bengal districts at a meeting held in Calcutta today demanded the recall of the Indian Deputy High Commissioner at Dacca as they alleged, "he failed to render even nominal help to the affected people in the present crisis".

Describing the present arrangement for air-lifts as "extremely inadequate" for the large number of refugee minorities, the meeting suggested that at least ten inland steamers should be immediately chartered and despatched to Dacca for the evacuation of such refugees, now awaiting transfer to safer places and that the Pakistan Government be requested to guarantee their safety during the journey.

The meeting, which was held under the auspices of the East Bengal Minority Welfare Central Committee, also adopted a resolution urging the Governments of West Bengal and the Indian Republic to accept the transfer of population "as the only means of saving the minorities in East Pakistan".

The resolution demanded that immediate steps for giving effect to the proposal should be taken by contacting the Pakistan Government for the transfer of the minorities under a planned scheme.

TRUMAN URGED TO MEET STALIN

Pressure Tactics?

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (PTI-Reuter:): The Truman administration is being subjected to strong political pressure from Congress to make a new approach to Premier Stalin for an agreement and to end the Soviet-American atomic armaments race, writes Reuter's correspondent in Washington.

But no one in responsible circles here expects the Government to yield to this pressure or change present American policy on the subject.

This has been re-stated recently by Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, other leading State Department spokesmen, and President Truman himself.

This policy appears to coincide with the one that British Premier Clement Attlee stated yesterday.

The United States, like Britain, is ready to discuss atomic controls with the Soviet Union, but only through the United Nations.

H-Bomb Controversy Gathers Momentum

ATTLEE READY TO TALK OVER WITH RUSSIA, BUT...

LONDON, Feb. 19, (PTI-Reuter).

THE snowball effect of the Hydrogen Bomb controversy this weekend brought statements on the chances of renewing direct talks with Russia from five political leaders in Britain and the United States.

All were agreed on the need of such talks, but they differed greatly in the assessment of prospects for success, and still more on how and in what circumstances these talks should take place. Mr. Winston Churchill, whose Edinburgh speech last week precipitated the controversy, again stressed the grave danger of the present impasse between the western and the eastern worlds.

Prime Minister Clement Attlee, too, admitted the immense need for an understanding with Russia and listed the vain efforts made by his Government since 1945. "The fault does not lie on this side of the iron curtain", he declared.

"We are ready and eager to discuss with Russia, the United States, Canada and all other nations ways and means for dealing with this menace", Mr. Attlee said.

A member of Mr. Attlee's Cabinet, Commonwealth Relations Secretary Philip Noel Baker, today entered the controversy with an argument that pre-war rebuffs to Russia by Conservative governments ruined chances of co-operation with Russia now.

"Who has forgotten that Russia was not invited to the Munich Conference in 1938 that her proposal for a conference in Bucharest in March 1939 was contemptuously turned down, that Lord Halifax (then Conservatice Foreign Secretary) could visit Berlin and Rome but not Moscow". Mr. Noel Baker said.

H-Bomb May Be Never Made

LONDON, Feb. 18 (UPI): Dr. E. H. S. Burhop, well-known British atomic scientist working at University College, London said here today: "I do not believe that the manufacture of the H-bomb could ever contribute towards the peace and security of anybody."

Dr. Burhop, who was expressing his opinion of the possibilities of the H-bomb to the UPI was pessimistic about the actual production of the bomb, and said that apart from some "grave technical difficulties", there was a considerable chance that the bomb might "never be produced."

BAN A & H BOMBS, SAYS PALME DUTT

LONDON, Feb. 18 (UPI): Prohibition of the Atom Bomb, H-Bomb and all similar "super bombs" with destruction of existing stocks, the establishment of effective international inspection and control under the Security Council of the United Nations and a campaign for a world peace movement has been advocated by Mr. Palme Dutt, vice-Chairman of the British Communist Party and now a parliamentary candidate in East Woolwich against Mr. Earnest Bevin in an interview to the U.P.I.

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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

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B.B. & C.I. RAILWAY

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NOTICE

AS FROM the 20th February 1950 the current official prices of "Shell and B.O.C." petrol in Bombay island and suburbs have been decreased to Rs. 2-2-6 per gallon ex pump and Rs. 2-3-6 per gallon in sealed cans. These prices are exclusive of the Sales Tax imposed by the Bombay Provincial Government.

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Charge Against Madras Ministers Asked To Be Dropped

BULWARK AGAINST COMMUNISM

Catholics Must Cultivate Spiritual Values

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Leo D'Mello, Bishop of Ajmer, today called upon the Catholics of Bombay to cherish and cultivate a high sense of spiritual values as a bulwark against "the tidal wave of communism" and the creeping materialistic outlook of life.

The Bishop was replying to felicitations offered by a number of speakers at a mass demonstration organised in his honour by the Catholic community of the city on the grounds of the Antonio DaSilva High School, Dadar, this evening. Rt. Rev. Leo D'Mello is the first member of the East Indian Community in Bombay to be appointed the Bishop of Ajmer.

The Bishop was taken out in a procession in a gaily decorated chariot, drawn by three pairs of bullocks from the Church of Our Lady of Salvation to the meeting place. The function was largely attended by ecclesiastical dignitaries and leaders of the Catholic community of Bombay.

Rt. Rev. Dr. V. Gracias, Bishop of Bombay, welcoming Dr. Leo D'Mello, congratulated him on the high honour conferred on him and he wished him on behalf of the Diocese of Bombay every success in the episcopal ministry.

An address of welcome and a purse of Rs. 5,000 as a token of their "love and affection" were presented to Dr. Leo D'Mello. The address of welcome was read by Mr. Frank Oliveira.

Among those who spoke eulogising the sterling qualities of Dr. D'Mello were Mrs. E. Arnold, Dr. P. A. Dias, Dr. J. A. Collaco, Rev. Fr. P. X. Vaz, Mr. M. M. Collaco and Diwan Bahadur M. A. F. Coelho.

Dr. D'Mello in his reply thanked the Catholic community of Bombay for the mass demonstration of love and affection to him. He said that their actions should be animated by a high sense of spiritual values.

Dr. P. J. J. Pinto proposed a vote of thanks.

TANSA-VAITARNA SCHEME

More Water For City When Completed

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Mr. N. V. Modak, Special Engineer, Bombay Municipality, declared today that on the completion of the Tansa-Vaitarna water supply scheme, the city's water supply would be increased 100 per cent. The scheme would not only provide an adequate source of water, but would maintain constant supply of water for 18 hours in a day.

Mr. Modak, who was addressing the Bombay Civic Association at the Servants of India Society building this evening on "Bombay's Water Supply" said that during years of bad rainfall the Tansa Lake contained only 64 million gallons of water, whereas after the completion of the scheme it would have 222 million gallons even during bad monsoon years.

Mr. Modak stated that the scheme comprised mainly of three parts. The first was the giant cement concrete dam which was claimed to be the most modern in Asia. Second was the 96-inch concrete channel connecting Tansa and Vaitarna lakes. The third part of the scheme was the building of two new reservoirs for the storage of water.

A Hydra-Headed Monster

LUCKNOW, Feb. 19 (P.T.I.): The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India, Mr. Harilal J. Kania, addressing the Lucknow Rotary Club last night, said that while the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution should be scrupulously safeguarded, law and order should also be preserved.

Mr. Kania, who was speaking on the "Supreme Court of India", described it as "a hydra-headed monster" and went on to list its original and appellate jurisdiction.

He said the court had original jurisdiction to decide points of difference between State and State. The questions relating to interpretation of the Constitution would be referred to it. The citizens had a right to file an appeal in limited circumstances.

The Chief Justice said: "The President has been empowered to refer to the court any question of law or fact. The court has also been given the right — which the King generally held — to receive an application from a citizen against what he considers his illegal detention. There are some courts which in their natural love of power exceed their jurisdiction. The Supreme Court will have to keep a watch on this".

'NO PACT WITH NEPAL'

Marxists' Call To Government

LUDHIANA, Feb. 19 (P.T.I.): The Central Executive of the all-India Forward Bloc (Marxist) today urged the Government of India not to sign any pact with Nepal. Such an act, the Executive held, would only "perpetuate feudal rule over Nepal".

The Executive appealed to the people of Nepal to 'forge a united peoples front" to establish a people's government.

Mr. Mohan Singh, formerly of the I.N.A. presided over the meeting.

The meeting referred to "disturbances both in East and West Bengal" and warned the people against such disturbances.

The Executive urged the Indian and Pakistan Governments "to provide facilities to the volunteers of the All-India Forward Bloc (Marxist) and other progressive elements to lead peace missions to create an atmosphere of communal peace and harmony".

PRASAD COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19, (PTI).

THE three-man sub-committee appointed by the Congress Working Committee to go into the charges against the Madras Ministers has recommended that "the matter should be dropped and the complaints filed."

The Sub-Committee, consisting of Dr. Prasad, Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel, had been asked by the Working Committee to go into the note prepared by the Madras Premier after investigating the charges levelled against some of the Ministers by Mr. T. Prakasam and also the counter-charges, and give its opinion on it.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, recommending the dropping of the matter, has stated in his report: "All the charges have been carefully looked into. The statements of the Premier, Shri Prakasam, the Ministers concerned and the final report of the Premier have been considered in detail. The impression left on one's mind after considering all the charges is this: They appear to be serious and formidable charges in the form in which they are made. A close scrutiny of the facts and circumstances relating to them does not make out a case for further investigation. In some cases there is no prima facie evidence in support of any charge and a mere statement of suspicion cannot be considered sufficient for holding formal enquiry.

"There is, however, one thing which should be noted. The action of Ministers should not only be in strict accordance with rules and procedure laid down for dealing with particular matters which come up before them, but they should do nothing which might leave room for any reasonable person to entertain any reasonable suspicion. The matter should be dropped and the complaints filed."

AGREEMENT

Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel, agreeing with Dr. Prasad's report and endorsing the conclusions, have drawn "particular attention" to the above paragraph, and add: "Some of the instances mentioned in the report relate to loans being made or permits given to relatives of Ministers. Dr. Rajendra Prasad has shown that the normal procedure was followed. It is also clear that we cannot rule out completely relatives of Ministers from applying for permits, etc. All such cases deserve special scrutiny, and the Ministers concerned would have been better advised to refrain from dealing with these cases themselves. They should have referred the papers for the orders of the Premier or the Cabinet, as the case may be, at as early a stage as possible. We trust that this convention will be adhered to in future."

22 PAGES

The report, which is contained in twenty-two closely typed foolscap pages, has been prepared by Dr. Prasad and counter-signed by Sardar Patel and Pandit Nehru with a joint concurring note. The charges, which have been put under six different heads, were jointly investigated by the Madras Premier, Mr. P. S. Kumaraswamy Raja, and Mr. T. Prakasam and a report was made by the Premier to the Working Committee. Mr. Prakasam demanded the appointment of a judicial tribunal to investigate the charges.

The charges under the six heads are against the Ministers in charge of the departments and are (1) grant of loans and state aid to persons or parties in whom the Minister was interested; (2) purchase of Italian buses; (3) grant of permits of steel and iron, cement and bus routes, to enable the party to benefit out of the transactions; (4) grant of manure for sale; (5) abuse of executive power by the local administration Minister in regard to the auction of right to collect market fees in Guntur municipal market and interference in Bezwada municipal market suit; and (6) use of legislation to favour particular individuals.

The first four charges are against the Ministers of Finance, Industry, Transport and Agriculture and the last two against the Minister for Local Administration. A counter-charge against Mr Prakasam in regard to a forest contract was also made.

APPROVED PROCEDURE

In regard to the first charge, dealing with the cases individually, Dr. Prasad has pointed out that in all the cases the procedure established under the State's Aid to Industries Act of having the applications put before the Industries Board and approved had been adopted. The loans had been given in the ordinary course. In regard to one case where it was alleged that the loan had not been utilised for the purpose, Dr. Prasad says that it was open to the Government to make enquiries and take action. "Any question of malafide on the part of the Ministers", did not arise in the case. He did not think that in any of the five cases there had been any abuse of the authority by the Minister in charge.

In regard to the allegations regarding the purchase of Italian buses and the excess of money paid for it, etc., "It appears, considering the whole thing, that this matter of purchase of buses was mismanaged" Giving the explanations of the Ministers concerned, he says, Mr. Gopal Reddi has stated that he only initialled the file on the guidance of the Home Secretary's note and the matter did not concern him. Mr. M. Bhaktavatsalum, who was in charge of transport, after the illness of Mr Daniel Thomas has also stated that he had no occasion to deal with the matter while he was temporarily in charge. "There is, no doubt, much in connection with these transactions which would have required explanation and clearing up, but as Mr. Thomas is dead, it is not possible to get any explanation from him and no useful purpose would be served by pursuing the matter any further," he adds.

Dr. Prasad has next dealt individually with the eight cases under the third charge relating to grant of permits of iron and steel, cement and bus routes to certain M.L.As, M.C.As and the wife of a Minister. In six cases he has stated that there was no material or allegations to proceed against any Minister. In regard to two other cases, one relating to the grant of an iron and steel quota and the other over the grant of a bus route, he he has pointed out that even if there was anything it was done during the time of the previous Ministry.

In the fourth charge, which relates to grant of manure for sale, Dr. Prasad whose recommending that "there is nothing to make enquiry about" has remarked: "There is no doubt that party politics had played its full part in the district and this incident was not free from it."

As regards alleged interference with local administration by the Minister, Dr. Prasad has stated in regard to the case of the Guntur municipal market: "The circumstances in which the order was issued are fully explained and it seems that in a case like this it is difficult to interfere with the discretion exercised by the Minister unless there is a definite charge and proof of corruption."

In regard to the allegation regarding the Vijayawada municipal market, Dr. Prasad has stated: "There does not seem to be any reason to question his (Minister's) bonafides in the matter."

APPEARANCE ALSO

In regard to the sixth charge, namely use of legislation to favour particular individuals—exemption of a building from the operation of the Rent Control Act—Dr. Prasad after analysing the case states, "The matter was considered not only by the Minister-in-charge, but also by the Hon'ble Premier, Mr. Ramaswamy Reodiar, and by the then Governor who also agreed to the exemption being granted. In this view it is difficult to hold that the Minister-in-Charge, Mr. Daniel Thomas, who is dead, was to blame or that any other Minister can be held guilty of any improper conduct.

"It is true, however," Dr. Prasad declares, "that in matters like this it is not enough to be strictly correct, but in appearance also action should be such as not to allow any misunderstanding about it."

DISCRETION

Dr. Prasad has then dealt with the counter-charge against Mr. T. Prakasam in regard to the contract for the Silent Valley forest. After stating the allegations and the defence, Dr. Prasad says, "Mr. Prakasam complains that this case is mentioned as a counter-charge only for the purpose of linking it up with the allegation of bribery levelled against him, the suggestion being that a bribe was given to Mr. Prakasam to secure the Silent Valley contract. The bribery theory was false and has been abandoned and he wants an enquiry regarding the person who made this charge. It appears that this charge against Mr. Prakasam's Ministry cannot be sustained. All Ministers have to exercise discretion in such matters and no work will be possible if every decision taken by a Minister is viewed with suspicion and made the subject of enquiry."

Dr. Prasad's report is dated January 19 while Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel have endorsed their conclusions on February 7 and 8 respectively.

Air Force Chief In Delhi

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19 (PTI): Air Marshal Ronald Ivelaw-Chapman, C.A.S. and C-in-C. Designate of the Indian Air Force, arrived here today.

The I.A.F. Dakota, which had been specially sent for Air Marshal Ivelaw-Chapman to Bombay, landed at the Palam airfield at 12-30 p.m.

Air Marshal Sir Thomas Elmhirst, relieving C.A.S. and C-in-C., I.A.F., received Air Marshal Ivelaw-Chapman, at the airport and introduced him to the civil and armed forces officers present at the airfield.

After taking the salute, Air Marshal Ivelaw-Chapman, accompanied by Group Capt. Kanwar Jaswant Singh, Station Commander, Palam, inspected an I.A.F. guard of honour.

Among those present at the airfield to receive the new Air Chief, were Mr. R. K. Ramadhyani, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Major General Kulwant Singh, C.G.S., representing the Indian Army, and Air Vice-Marshal S. Mukerjee, Deputy Air Commander, I.A.F.

Air Commodore D.A.R. Nanda, Air Officer in-Charge, Personnel and Organisation Air H.Q. and Squadron Leader L. C. Verma, Staff Officer to the C-in-C., I.A.F., who had gone to receive him at Bombay where he disembarked on Friday, returned with the Air Marshal in the same aircraft today.

ALL-INDIA GIRL GUIDES COUNCIL

Meeting At New Delhi

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19 (UPI): The All-India General Council of the Girl Guides Association will be held in New Delhi from the 23rd to the 25th of February. Delegates from all Provinces and States of the Indian Union are expected to meet for important discussions regarding the Girl Guide movement.

Among the various questions coming before this annual council, which is meeting for the first time in Delhi, will be the finalising of the merger of the Girl Guides Association with the Hindustan Scout Association.

A local reception committee with Mrs. John Matthai as Chairman has been formed.

Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur, Health Minister, Government of India, will inaugurate the proceedings of the Council on the 23rd in the Council of State chamber.

The delegates to the Council will be received by the President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad on the morning of the 25th at Government House.

A. I. PENOLOGICAL EXHIBITION

LUCKNOW, Feb. 18 (PTI): A five-rupee counterfeit note, bearing the date March 7, 1884 and obsolete country-made revolvers of various sizes are among the hundreds of exhibits displayed at the All India Penological Exhibition which was opened today by Mrs. Kania, wife of India's Chief Justice, Mr. Harilal Kania.

The exhibition, which is said to be the first of its kind in India, has also a good collection of firearms from various police museums.

Leprosy In Bombay

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Dr. R. G. Cochrane, M.D., F.R.C.P., the Consultant Leperologist and Director of Leprosy Research in Madras, will address the Annual Conference of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council on "The Modern Developments in Leprosy With Special Reference To Social Implications" The lecture will be delivered at the Convocation Hall on Monday, February 20, at 11 a.m. under the presidentship of Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Minister for Health, Government of Bombay.

INDIA'S FIRST NATIONAL AIR RALLY AT CALCUTTA

W. Bengal Governor To Open On Feb. 24: Over Rs. 15,000 In Prizes

CALCUTTA, February 18. (PTI).

DETAILS OF INDIA'S first National Air Rally from February 24 to 26 at Barrackpore, were given by Mr. Biren Roy, Chairman of the Aero Club of India, at a press conference here today.

As the first item in the rally, Mr. Roy said, the Delhi-Calcutta air race for the Willingdon Challenge Trophy open to amateurs was being revived. The race, would cover a distance of 910 miles and would commence from Delhi, 13 competitors participating. The event was being held again after 14 years.

Seven different types of aircraft will be used by the entrants, the smallest and the lightest being that by Capt. Namjoshi. He will use a 'Piper Cub' with a maximum speed of 60 or 70 miles an hour. Capt. Namjoshi is the instructor at the Government Central Flying Training School, Allahabad.

An American flier E. Peck will be seen on a 'Beechcraft Bonanza' an expeditor which has a maximum speed of 180 miles per hour. Maj.-Gen. Misri Chand, who will compete in a 'Gemini' aircraft, won the Willingdon Trophy in 1936.

The race will start from Delhi approximately at 9 in the morning of February 23 and the competitors will proceed via Agra and Lucknow to Allahabad for a night's halt to resume on the morning of February 24. They will reach Barrackpore via Patna and Asansol at about 12-30 p.m. the same day.

Apart from the Willingdon Challenge Trophy the first flier will get a cash prize of Rs. 2,750, while there are prizes for the fastest flight and the most economical cruising.

Fifteen airmen will participate in the second item in the rally. This will cover a distance of 341 miles starting at Barrackpore and finishing at Barrackpore via Jamshedpur and Asansol.

The start for this race will be given by Mr. Bhupati Majumdar, Home (Defence) Minister of West Bengal and eight types of aircraft will participate in it. The competitors include a woman pilot, Miss Prem Mathur, who qualified for her "A" class license from the Hind Flying Club, Kanpur.

The Indian Air Force are also participating in the Rally and an aerobatic display by a Jet 'Vampire' at nearly 600 miles per hour will be given. There is a proposal for parachute jumping demonstration in which 35 aircraft of 12 different types will take part.

Dr. Kailash Nath Katju, Governor of West Bengal, will open the rally at Barrackpore on February 24 at 3 p.m. and Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, Minister of Communications, Government of India, will preside over the prize distribution on February 26.

The total prize money in cash with cups which amounts to over Rs. 15,000 will be given away by the Aero Club of India.

There are various side shows in the display as part of the rally including aviation films. 'Bona fide' students will be admitted free to the airfield on the opening day.

There will be competitions for spectators also. Altitude judging will be a daily feature along with five free joy rides. A lucky number on the programmes will entitle the owner for a free flight to Darjeeling, Patna, Bhubaneshwar or Gauhati.

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Sheikh Abdullah To Address Meeting

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Sheikh Abdullah, Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, will address a public meeting under the auspices of BPCC tomorrow at 6-15 p.m. at Chowpatty when Mr. S. K. Patil, President of BPCC will preside.

Sheikh Abdulla will hold a press conference on Tuesday, February 21, at 10 a.m. at Congress House.

SHEIKH ABDULLAH ARRIVES

Kashmir Refugees Meet Premier

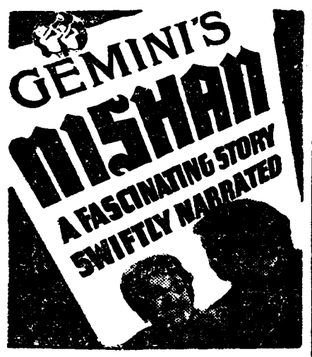
BOMBAY, Sunday.

Sheikh Mohamed Abdullah, Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, accompanied by Maulana Mohamed Sayeed, General Secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference, arrived in Bombay this afternoon from Hyderabad. He was received at the airport by Mr. M. D. Bhat, Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Dr. S. S. Nishat, Kashmir's Trade Agent in Bombay, and a large number of friends.

About 100 refugees from Mirpur and Kotli, parts of Kashmir now occupied by Pakistan troops, greeted the Kashmir Chief Minister.

During his two-day visit to the city, Sheikh Abdullah will address a public meeting under the auspices of the BPCC on Chaupathy Sands on Monday evening and will meet the press on Tuesday morning at the Congress House. Tomorrow morning he will visit the Naval Dockyard.

He is expected to leave for New Delhi on Wednesday morning by air.



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Hightide: 1-52, 14-18.
Lowtide: 08-10, 19-58.

Domestic Occurrence

DEATH

SIRUR: At her residence, Darraprasad 10, Mount Pleasant Road, on Sunday February 19th at 10-18 p.m., Mrs. Sundrabai Sirur, wife of the late Mr. D. N. Sirur and daughter of the late Sir Narayan Chandavarkar, age 66 years. Funeral will leave her residence at 9-15 a.m.

Today's Engagements

BOMBAY MEDICAL COUNCIL: Ordinary meeting, in the Committee Room of the Council, today (Monday), at 2 p.m. (S. T.), Dr. S. R. Moolgavkar, presiding.

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL SECONDARY TEACHERS' CONFERENCE: At G. E. I's M. H. High School, Thana, 4-30 p.m., Prof. N. R. Phatak presiding.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY WOMEN'S COUNCIL: Talk on leprosy problem by Dr. R. G. Cochrane at the University Convocation Hall, 11-15 a.m., Dr. M. D. D. Gilder presiding.

INDIAN CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WORK: Public meeting to observe Social Welfare Day at Cama Hall, 6 p.m. Dr. Jivraj Mehta will preside.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL CLUB: Film show at the "Silverfish", New Book Company, Hornby Road, by the British Information Services on general elections of 1945 in Great Britain, 6 p.m.

P. E. N. Public Lecture On Sufi Poetry

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Under the auspices of the P.E.N. All-India Centre, Bombay, there was an interesting lecture on "The Mystic Poetry of the Sufis" by Prof. Said Naficy of the Tehran University at the Town Hall on Saturday Madame Sophia Wadia presided.

The Professor read a paper in French; it was translated into English by the Chairman. It was pointed out that Sufism was essentially individualistic and therefore incompatible with established religions. Sufism insisted on the highest degree of purification and not on rituals and dogmas. There was no restriction of birth, caste or religion to become a votary of Sufism.

After a few interesting questions from the audience and the relevant answers from the Lecturer, the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks, both to the Lecturer and the Chairman, by Mr. K. G. Saiyidin, Educational Adviser to the Government of Bombay and the Honorary Secretary of the P.E.N.

Jubilee Celebrations Of Vanita Vishram School

BOMBAY, Sunday.

A grand variety entertainment show "Rasotsava" was performed by the pupils of Vanita Vishram School, on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the School, at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, last Saturday, when Mr. N. M. Nimbalkar and Rani Saheba of Phalton graced the occasion by their presence.

They congratulated the veteran Principal, Mrs. Indira Joshi, for her devoted and ceaseless service for twenty years and her sincere and untiring enthusiasm for the programme. They admired the dance drama, adopted from "The Light of Asia" and they liked the play, "Mohini", too.

TODAY'S RADIO

MONDAY, February 20.
BOMBAY

7-30 a.m. Bhor Bhaee, 7-35 Physical education, 7-40 Today's programme, 7-45 N P Vaidya, bhajan, 8-15 P Ambekar ahir bhairav, 12-45 p.m. Tantrakari, 12-50 N P Vaidya, G geet, 1-40 Jazz novelties, 5-0 Hindi by radio, 5-20 P G Parab, sitar, 5-40, Kaiserbai Bandodkar, hanskinkini, 6-10 Music lessons, 6-30 P Ambekar, song, 7-10 Locals, 7-20 Ushawatsav, song, 7-10 Locals, 7-20 Usha Watve For industrial workers, 8-30 J Dave, "AA tras", G. 8-45 A Murzban, radio roundup, 9-15 P G Parab, sitar, 9-30 Film songs, 9-45 R Mc C Samples, book review, 10-0 Noreen Boult, Soprano, 10-15 Columbia Broadc. symp. 10-40 Aloo Surveyoir, pianoforte.

VARIATIONS—8-0 a.m. P G Parab, sitar, 8-45 Leela Mavinkurve, bhavgeet, 1-0 p.m. G Aphale, bhajan, 1-10 Madhur ganc, 1-50 For women, 5-0 Hindi by radio, 6-0 P Swami, gottuvadyam, 6-20 For rural listeners, 7-30 Commercial news. 8-15 Leela Mavinkurve, bhavgeet, 8-45 Month's song, 9-0 K bhajan. 10-0 V Kotak's G drama "Lost", 10-30 Kesarbai Bandodkar, kala mansri.

BARODA

7-30 a.m. Vandana, 7-40 Physical education, 7-45 and 8-15 As in Ahmedabad, 5-30 p.m. As in Ahmedabad, 5-45 G Barodekar, shahnai, 6-10 Hindi lessons, 6-30 For rural listeners, 7-0 As in Ahmedabad, 7-15 Nyaya-tantra, G talk, 7-30 G Barodekar, shahnai, 7-45 A S Mistry, bhajan, 8-0 Raag shreni, 8-10 Locals, 8-30 A S Mistry, bhajan, 8-45 As in Ahmedbad, 9-30 Songs story.

AHMEDABAD

7-30 a.m. As in Baroda, 7-40 Physical education, 7-45 G Dantale kh desi, 8-15 Shahnai Sur, 8-30 C Bhatta, pads 5-30 p.m. C Bhatta, bhajans, 5-45 As in Baroda, 6-10 Hindi lessons, 6-30 G Dantale, kh, d. in v. and d. 7-0 Our India, 7-15 M M Thakore, G talk on "Nyaya tantra", 7-30 For industrial workers, 8-0 Raag shreni, 8-10 Locals, 8-30 As in Baroda, 8-45 "Arvachin geet sahitya", 9-30 G Dantale, vilambit.

Kherwadi Residents Sink Their Differences

CHIEF MINISTER'S ADVICE BEARS FRUIT

BOMBAY, Sunday (UPI).

THE residents of Kherwadi, a village near Khar, accepting the advice of Mr. B. G. Kher, the Chief Minister this morning decided to give up their differences regarding re-settlement.

Mr. Kher who visited Kherwadi today saw the tanning institute leather working school, the hostel, the dispensary, the school and finally the road that will join Kherwadi to the adjoining.

In a frank and spirited address to the residents, Mr. Kher referred to his first visit to Kherwadi in 1928 and narrated the incidents which ultimately turned the isolated hamlet into the present Kherwadi. He reminded residents of Kherwadi of all he had taught them during the course of the last 20 years and exhorted them to give their differences and live as good citizens. The residents thereupon decided to give up their differences regarding thir resettlement.

Earlier, Mr. Kher visited Nimkar Library at Khar and the Harijan Sevak Sangh.

Addressing the workers at the Harijan Sevak Sangh, Mr. Kher said that the time had come when there should be complete revolution in the programme of work for Harijan uplift. As a result of Mahatmaji's efforts, said Mr. Kher, the principle of Harijan uplift was accepted by all and the necessary laws were also passed. What was required now, added Mr. Kher was to enter the life and hearts of the people and bring about a mental revolution so that legislation might be fully effective.

Mr. Kher suggested that social functions should be arranged at Harijan colonies where non-Harijans should be invited

Speaking about the improvement in the economic condition of the Harijans, Mr. Kher said that the masses should be taught to save something as they got more and more puchasing power. He told them that the National Savings Certificate was the best form of investment.

In Aid Of A Home For Children

MADRIGAL SINGERS' PERFORMANCE

BOMBAY, Sunday: In aid of the 200 destitute children of the Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Home of the Society for the Protection of Children in Western India, the Bombay Madrigal Singers will give a performance on March 29 at 6-30 p.m. at the C. J. Hall.

The Government of Bombay has offered the Society Rs. 40,000 on the condition that the Society collects Rs. 45,000 from the public. The money is needed because the B. J. Home buildings are in a condition requiring urgent extension and repairs.

Tickets are available at S. Rose & Co., 28 Rampart Row, Fort, and the Army and Navy Stores, Esplanade Road, Fort. Rates of admission are Rs. 10, 5, 3 and 2.

Donations to the Home will be gratefully acknowledged by the Honorary Treasurers at the B. J. Home, King's Circle, Matunga, Bombay.

MADRIGAL SINGERS

The Bombay Madrigal Singers were formed in December 1947, starting with a small number of enthusists who wanted to spread the beauty of Western choral music. They are perhaps the only body of amateur singers in the whole of India. They do not make any money for themselves. On the otherhand, they have to spend a lot out of their pockets for music and other requirements. All the money they make from their concerts is given to various charities.

During the last year the Bombay Madrigal Singers have given away over Rs. 20,000 in charity. Their aim is to get people interested not merely in listening to Western music, but in making music. Anyone is free to join the company of Madrigal Singers if he wishes to sing. The idea is that every person making music means so many families interested in Western music. You get a sort of chain effect. The sole credit for organising the Bombay Madrigal Singers belongs to Mr. Victor Paranjoti.

THEFT FROM KARACHI ORDNANCE DEPOT

KARACHI, Feb. 18 (PTI-Reuter): Burglars removed 28 rifles early this morning from the Ordnance Depot here.

The burglars entered the armoury by drilling a hole in the back hall when the guards were sitting in the front verandah of the depot.

Six members of the guard have been taken into custody after the burglary.

SURVEY OF EVACUEE PROPERTY IN KARACHI

KARACHI, Feb. 18 (PTI-Reuter): A survey of evacuee property in Karachi and its suburbs is being made under orders of the Custodian of Evacuee Property, Karachi and Sind, says a press note issued by the Ministry of Refugee Rehabilitation, Government of Pakistan.

Officials will collect information regarding owners of buildings before March 1947.

Navy Officer Arrested

(From Our Correspondent).

KARACHI, Feb. 19—For trafficking in arms, Chief Petty Officer Syed Mohammad attached to H.M.P.S. Himalaya has been taken into custody by the Special Intelligence Police.

Syed Mohammed was caught redhanded while disposing of two revolvers to a bogus customer in the Muslim Frontier Hotel. These revolvers, it is reported, were stolen from the Royal Pakistan Navy ammunition stores.

Light Showers In Bihar And U. P.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Feb. 19 (P.T.I.): Following is the all India weather summary for Sunday.

Weather has been dry over the country except for local showers in south-east Madras and the east Uttar Pradesh and a few showers in Bihar.

Night temperatures were appreciably below normal in Saurashtra, Cutch, West and north Rajasthan and along the Orissa-North Circars coast.

Forecast valid until the evening of 20th: There will be local showers in the southern districts of south-east Madras and in south Malabar and a few showers in the rest of south-east Madras, in the East U. P. Bihar, sub-Himalayan West Bengal and upper Assam.

Night temperatures will rise appriciably in the eastern half of the Peninsula, the east Madya Pradesh Vindhya Pradesh and Chota Nagpur.

Heavy rainfall warning: Isolated heavy falls of rain are likely in the extreme south of the Peninsula.

Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, total rainfall from December 1, 1949 and departure from normal, recorded at 08-30 hours I.S.T. on February 19.

Ahmedabad 85 62 0 0 minus 0.1; Ajmer 73 49 0 0 minus 0.8; Allahabad 81 59 0 1.1 minus 0.7; Bangalore 83 64 0 0 minus 0.8; Baroda 87 48 0 0 minus 0.1; Bhopal 84 58 0 0 minus 0.5; Bhuj 78 48 0 0 minus 0.3; BOMBAY 80 57 0 0 minus 0.3; Calcutta 90 67 0 0 minus 1.3; Cochin 88 78 0 1.1 minus 1.9; Colombo 87 76 0 8.0 minus 2.7; Delhi 72 49 0 0 minus 1.4; Hyderabad (Dn.) 90 65 0 0 minus 0.8; Indore 82 54 0 0 minus 0.5; Jaipur 75 48 0 0 minus 0.9; Karachi — 65 0 0.5 minus 0.5; Lucknow 79 54 0 2.1 plus 0.5; Madras 86 75 0.1 0.5 minus 6.7; Mossoorie 53 42 0 5.7 minus 1.3; Mysore 90 up p p minus 0.7; Nagpur 90 64 0 0 minus 1.3; Patna 81 63 0 0.5 minus 0.9; Poona 89 58 0 0 minus 0.3; Rajkot 83 48 0 0 minus 0.2; Simla 50 37 0 7.3 minus 0.3.

SOCIAL WELFARE DAY

Projects To Be Launched

BOMBAY, Sunday.

The Indian Conference of Social Work, which is a central organization for the promotion of Social Welfare all over India, will be observing an All-India Social Welfare Day on Monday, February 20, 1950, with a view to focussing public attention on the various social problems facing the country and to seek co-operation of the people to meet them adequately. On this day, it is hoped new Welfare Projects will be planned and launched in various parts of the country through the nine (Provincial) State Branches of the Conference.

In Bombay a Public Meeting will be held at Dr. Sir Jivanji Modi Hall (K. R. Cama Oriental Institute) Apollo Street, at 6 p.m. on Monday February 20, 1950, under the presidentship of Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta and will be addressed by Dr. K. G. Saiyidain, Educational Adviser to the Government of Bombay, on "Awakening the Civic Conscience"; Prof. C. N. Vakil, Director, University School of Economics and Sociology, on "Concept of a Welfare State", and Dr. B. H. Mehta, Lecturer, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, on "Need for a Public Welfare Ministry".

BALKAN-JI-BARI CONFERENCE

BOMBAY, Sunday, (UPI): The annual general meeting of the All-India premier children's organisation, Balkan-ji-Bari—Akhil Hind Balak Sangh will be held on Sunday, February 26, 1950, at 10-30 a.m. in the Committee Room, Civil Secretariat, Bombay, under the presidentship of Shri B. G. Kher, Chief Minister of Bombay.

China Offers Coal To Pakistan

(From Our Correspondent).

KARACHI, Feb. 19.—Since Pakistan is in urgent need of coal, China has offered an immediate supply of a million tons of it to Pakistan.

A group of coal supplies from China have now arrived in the Pakistan capital to conclude negotiations with the local authorities.

In the meantime, Pakistan has been negotiating with South Africa also for the supply of a large portion of its coal requirements; Mr. E. Dixon, Pakistan's Coal Commissioner is in South Africa to conclude the necessary deal.

JAP DELEGATION IN KARACHI

No Immediate Transactions

KARACHI, Feb. 19 (PTI-Reuter):—Mr. Robert R. West, U.S. Deputy Under-Secretary for Defence and Leader of the Japanese Delegation now here on a fact-finding mission, told the Press that there was considerable prospect of trade between Japan and countries of the South and South-East Asia.

Mr. West said that there was the possibility of Pakistan cotton being supplied to Japan but could not definitely state as to how much will be the total "intake". While he did not rule out the possibility of export of wheat from Pakistan to Japan, the Leader of the Delegation said that much would depend on the quality and variety of goods offered and their prices.

The real motive of their visit, he said, was not to conclude any "immediate transactions" but to "explore the possibilities" for the next 10 years.

The Delegation which arrived here early this week, is scheduled to leave for Colombo tonight.

U.S. Aid For Pakistan Technicians

(From Our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, Feb. 19: Negotiations are now nearing completion for American aid to Pakistan for the training of technicians.

A five-year agreement between the two countries under the Fulbright Act has been drawn up, whereby a sum of Rs. 25 lakhs will be given to Pakistan by the United States for (1) scholarships to Pakistani students to go to U.S. Universities for higher studies and technical education; (2) scholarships to Pakistani students for study in American Universities outside the States such as those in Cairo and Beirut, and (3) sending professors and technical teachers from the United States to recognised institutions in Pakistan.

GREATER BOMBAY AREA

Bill To Extend Limits Published

BOMBAY, Sunday.

A Bill to amend the Greater Bombay Laws and the Bombay High Court (Declaration of Limits) Act, 1945 has been published in the Bombay Government Gazette dated February 18.

The statement of objects and reasons states: "By the Greater Bombay Laws in the Bombay High Court (Declaration of Limits) Act 1945, the area consisting of the Town and Island of Bombay, the port of Bombay the Bandra, Parle-Andheri and Kurla Municipal Boroughs, the Ghatkopar-Kirol and Juhu municipal districts and twenty-eight villages of the Bombay Suburban District were combined into a single area termed Greater Bombay. The ordinary original civil jurisdiction of the Bombay High Court and the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, were also extended so as to cover the whole of Greater Bombay.

Steps are being taken separately to place the municipal government of the whole area in Greater Bombay on a uniform basis by extending the authority of the present Municipal Corporation for the city of Bombay to Greater Bombay. It has been found necessary to go a little beyond the present limits of Greater Bombay for municipal purposes in order to avoid cutting across areas in which considerable building development has already taken place or is taking place. At the same time, administrative difficulties would arise if different limits were adopted for municipal purposes on the one hand and for judicial, magisterial and police purposes on the other. It has therefore been decided, with the approval of the Bombay High Court, to extend the limits of Greater Bombay so as to include therein the additional areas specified in clause 6 of the Bill."

E. Pakistan Fiat Against P. T. I. Correspondents

CAN'T FUNCTION UNTIL DULY AUTHORISED

CALCUTTA, Feb. 18. (PTI).

A NUMBER of correspondents of the Press Trust of India in districts and sub-divisional headquarters of East Pakistan have been served with notice by the authorities of their respective areas directing them not to function as press representatives until they have been duly authorised by the Pakistan Government to do so.

The authorities were not satisfied with the existing accreditation of the correspondents concerned who have been connected with the Associated Press of India for many years past and since February last, been representing the Press Trust of India which took over the business of the Associated Press of India Their authorisation from the Press Trust of India was not considered sufficient by the district and sub-divisional authorities in Pakistan who are now demanding their formal accreditation with the Government of Pakistan.

Immediately after the Press Trust of India started functioning, intimations were sent to the authorities of certain areas in Eastern Pakistan supplying them with the names of correspondents of the news agency and requesting all facilities to be given to them to act as press correspondents. But the Pakistan authorities have not, so far, replied to such communications of the Press Trust of India.

NASIK JAIL FIRING

Poona Plea For Open Judicial Inquiry

POONA, Feb. 19 (PTI).—A statement issued today over the signatures of Mr. S. G. Vaze, President of the Civil Liberties Union, and seven others belonging to different political parties urged the Government of Bombay to order at an early date an open judicial enquiry into the firing at Nasik jail on February 6. It also appealed to the "political prisoners, who have commenced a hunger strike in Nasik, Yerawada and other jails" to discontinue their hunger strike in view of the fact that the people outside have demanded a judicial inquiry.

SURRENDER PERMIT AND LICENCES

Bihar P. C. C. Directive To Congress M. L. A's.

PATNA, Feb. 19 (PTI): The Bih Provincial Congress Committee h asked the Congress members of Stu and Provincial legislatures, local bod and members of the District a Provincial Congress Committees eith to surrender their permits and licen for trading in controlled commodit or to show cause within 15 days w they should not be debarred fr Congress membership for two years violating the Bhagalpur resolution the Bihar P.C.C which demands t surrender of such licences.

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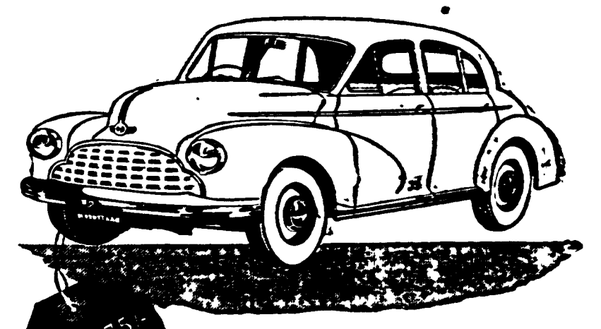

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The Bombay Chronicle

REVITALISING THE CONGRESS - I

In his address to the All-India Congress Committee, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru spoke of the need for the Congress to revitalise itself. "Congressmen as a whole had developed a static mentality, had got stuck to their chairs. The Congress faced a great danger if it remained static. The Congress must keep its doors open for young men to come in. It was necessary for the Congress organisation to keep pace with the changing times not alone in India but throughout all Asia. In the world of today, two years were like twenty, so rapidly was it changing. New forces were rising in Asia and without a dynamic outlook on things, they could not run the Congress organisation, not to say the country." In this paragraph, the symptoms have been rather grandly stated. But, unless the disease itself is treated, a cure cannot be effected by merely dealing with the symptoms. Pandit Jawaharlal asks for June elections with a view to moving the Congress out of its static mood, and he hopes that will revitalise the Congress. It will create a need for revitalising the Congress but this is not the same thing.

The Indian National Congress, beginning as a platform for the expression of Indian political opinion when there was no opportunity for such expression in the legislatures, rapidly assumed the leadership of the struggle for national independence and freedom from British rule. As things developed, independence came in a shape unfamiliar to the majority of the Congress, leaders and the rank and file, radically different to the picture that they had formed. The fulfilment of its objective placed on the country, therefore, new responsibilities, and the Congress, as the only existing effective organisation, had to step forward to take control of a situation that at once was beyond the objective and not anticipated widely enough to be prepared for. Both partition and Commonwealth relations involved a reversal of the national movement. If in the circumstances, the Congress seems "static" to the greatest Congressmen, it must appear to be in reverse gear to lesser mortals. But that is beside the point. To meet the new needs of a Free India, the Congress must effect certain essential adjustments. What are the adjustments?

The objectives of Free India have been defined both in the preamble to the Constitution and in Part IV which contains the directive articles of the Constitution. These articles indicate the kind of nation that is to be built and the rights and opportunities that are secured to the citizens. The contents of this part and the manner in which the Congress leaders sought the co-operation of non-Congress elements in the country, fully bear out the national character and traditions of the Congress. Generally speaking the objectives now are to build the nation, to provide food and work for all, to remove the barriers of privilege and prejudice, and to develop the country's industries by harnessing all its resources. All these are national, not party, interests, and the Constitution places the responsibility for achieving them on the "State".

The Congress is, however, under the necessity of altering itself to fit these objectives. Unless the Congress does it effectively, the "State" will have to look elsewhere for the achievements that, under the leadership of the Congress, Congressmen and other nationalists have set before the nation as its goal. Leading Congressmen have publicly supported the Constitution and some of them have even denounced those who opposed it, as enemies of the people. It is, therefore, the responsibility of these Congress leaders to effect changes in the Congress organisation which will make the party capable of rendering the maximum service along the lines broadly indicated in the Republic constitution. Failure to do this adequately in the transition two years has brought on conditions within the party which betray the lag at every stage. The change that has taken place in the thinking of the leading men in the Government, has to be carried down to every rank in the party organisation if the Congress is to be revitalised.

The Congress suffers greatly from the fact that in the past two years the leaders have moved far away from the following. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru referred to some areas in the country where the Communists held meetings once a week, the Socialists—once a fortnight but the Congress had not had one meeting in a year and a half. In April, 1948, the objectives resolution of the Congress was redrafted: Article 1 of the Congress Constitution read, "The well-being and advancement of the people of India and the establishment in India by peaceful and legitimate means of a Co-operative Commonwealth based on equality of opportunity and of political, economic and social rights and aiming at world peace and fellowship." Inadequate and vague as it it is, how much attempt has been made to publicise this objective? Pandit Jawaharlal observed that it was imperative for Congressmen to know "the mind of the people and keep in touch with public opinion." If we might be pardoned for the correction, the need is the other way about. The public must know the mind of the Congress and to achieve that, Congressmen, from top to bottom, must know their own mind. A political party ought to appear before the public, with a programme and a policy. And during elections, it must unequivocally declare that this and this is its programme; if the public like it, let them vote the party into power. There has been far too much trimming of the sails to the popular wind, too much effort to avoid the wind by keeping away, for the healthy growth of the Congress.

The disfranchising of "effective members" of the party is only one step and a feeble one at that in the process of cleaning up. There have been complaints that too many "effective members" have been enrolled. The constitution allowed such enrolment, and the men who used the permission, did not ensure that the requisite conditions were respected. It is necessary to understand why and how the permission came to be abused in the manner in which we are told that it has been, and the persons responsible for this abuse should be firmly dealt. In a democratic party, the usual practice is not to penalise those who have joined a party under certain expectations. If the normal procedure is departed from, the only justification lies in the proved fact that the section of members disfranchised nullify the basis of the party itself. This has to be taken by a decision of the general body of members where even the accused section has the right to record its view. On the face of it, the Working Committee's decision seems difficult to justify except on the basis of emergency created by widespread fraud. The provisions relating to membership in the Congress, as laid down in the Constitution, lend themselves to easy manipulation, and enrolment has gone on in most provinces until membership is meaningless. "Effective members" were a privileged class who obtained advantages by undertaking to devote some of their day to party work. Many of those enrolled in this category have not fulfilled this requirement but have expected and were meant to exercise their right, nevertheless, to stand for election to any Congress Committee.

The reason for the reckless enrolment of "effective members" is the ambitions of rival groups in the Congress, each trying to outvote the other, and so anxious as to neglect the precaution of ensuring that they accept the party line. The implication is obvious and not very creditable to the Congress organisation as it stands. The Working Committee has lacked the courage to admit and correct its mistake, and has sought a non-committal way out of its difficulty, which is neither democratic nor authoritarian but midway between the two. It has contented itself with merely nullifying the mischief of making membership dependent on qualifications which are evidently less valued by Congressmen than other objectives and consequently ignored. It has not tackled this problem and it hopes to face the party elections in this mood. This is a thoroughly unsatisfactory state of affairs, which will have to be ended immediately after the Congress elections in order to organise the party for the general elections. It would have been wise had the Working Committee clearly stated that it was applying itself to correcting the Congress rolls whilst resorting to an emergency measure to save the party from its earlier miscalculation. Like the crazy enrolment, the resolution of the Working Committee is a symptom of the disease which has overtaken the Congress and which calls for drastic remedies.

Bulls And Bears

The decline of about Rs. 8/- per 100 tolas in silver prices in two days, proves beyond doubt that the local Bullion market was manipulated by professional bull operators and created artificial demand for paper contracts. There is no change in the supply and demand situation but Bulls decided to book profits and their unloading brought in a sharp decline in prices This decline will be an invitation to Bears to go short so that again they may be squeezed. This is a simple fight between bulls and bears, and the ground is provided by the Government by recognition of the Bullion Exchange In this fight bonafide consumers have to suffer and pay the price dictated by manipulators. There are no imports of gold and silver at present in this country and there is no justification for forward business. It may be argued that these markets provide work to some but at whose cost? The Government is interested in collecting stamp duty. Otherwise what justification is there for forward business when there is no supply? The artificial speculative demand is keeping prices unduly at a high level which is directly against the Government's aim, of lowering the general price level. Unless the Government allows imports of silver and gold, there can be no justification for forward business and the Central Government will do well to study the situation and take action on an All-India basis. Provincial actions have no effect beyond diverting trade.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

PARIS, February 18: The French Indo-Chinese outpost of Pholu, 19 miles south-east of Lao Kay near the Chinese border, has fallen to 20,000 Viet Minh troops after several days' hard fighting, according to a report from Saigon issued here today.

Part of the garrison withdrew towards Lao Kay. General Palessandri, commanding French forces, Tong-king, has arrived at Lao Kay to prepare a counter-attack.—PTI-Reuter.

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At the A.I.C.C. meeting on Saturday Mr. Ansar Harvani of U. P. effectively summed up the meaning of the main resolution when he said that it was a "censure on the Congress Committees for fraud in enrolling effective members."

Right as well as rightly.

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Babu Purshottamdas Tandon agreed with the view that enrolment figures of effective members in some provinces showed the extent of demoralisation and corruption among the rank and file of Congressmen.

We had better stand corrected, hadn't we, and agree that it is all strictly confined to the rank and file of Congressmen.

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Tandonji also observed that for this development the Working Committee and the A.-I.C.C. would have to share the blame.

But to share with whom, the President of U. P. Provincial Congress Committee does not seem to have mentioned. Oh, sorry, the "rank and file" of Congressmen.

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Pandit Nehru told the A.-I.C.C. that according to reports from certain areas, the Communist workers there held a meeting every week, the Socialists every fortnight and others more or less frequently, while Congressmen had not met for the last one and a half years.

But then the Congressmen are so fully occupied with other and more important-er-duties

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Dr. O. M. Solandt, Chairman of the Canadian Defence Research Board predicts that in the next war, robots equipped with artificial hearing, sight touch smell, sensitivity to pressure changes and the ability to make decisions, will fire the guns, man the ships and fly the planes, sending reports and receiving orders by radio.

That is to say the inadequacy of man to destroy the world will, in the next war, have been made good through artificial man.

The End Of Science?

By Julian Huxley

TO MOST of us Lysenko is scarcely even a name; though his name as an agriculturist and botanical chemist has been known in Russia for some years.

Now, for better or worse his name has become associated with an attitude to science—an attitude, indeed, to life itself—which splits Eastern and Western Europe wide asunder.

The argument involved looks like stale scientific controversy. Evolution—how does it work? Are new forms of life due to the influence of environment? Can the parent pass on to the offspring the knowledge and ability acquired in life? Or is the gradual changing of a species brought about by the quite different laws of chance variations?

These arguments have gone back and forth for a hundred years. But the full weight of scientific evidence and our knowledge of the mechanics of inheritance make it overwhelmingly probable that this second process, summed up in Darwin's phrase "the survival of the fittest," gives the closest picture of the truth.

Lysenko says "No." Lysenko says that "environment" can be passed. Every man is entitled to his own opinion. But—and this is the crux of the matter—according to Lysenko, we are only entitled to our opinion if it agrees with his.

Julian Huxley, one of greatest experts on the theory of evolution, has just completed a book ("Soviet Genetics and World Science", Chatto & Windus) dealing with the whole controversy. In this article, he summarises the situation.

BACKGROUND TO THE ARGUMENT

Darwin's theory (Origin of Species 1859) sought to prove that since the members of each generation vary, in ways often favourable or unfavourable, there are always in each new generation lucky individuals who, since they are better equipped to evade natural hazards, survive and breed in slightly greater numbers than the rest. Certain variations are thus "selected" by nature.

Darwin's reliance on chance ran counter to Lamarck, who had stated in 1809 that the effects on plant or animal organs of use or disuse were inherited, and that this explained the evolution of species. The "use" of an organ must obviously include, biologically, the effect of environment on it. So Lamarck's theory amounted to this: that characteristics acquired by plant or animal tissue—for example, the tanning of the skin by strong sunlight, are inherited. This seems plausible enough at first, but there is abundant evidence to disprove it.

The work of the Abbe Mendel on the laws of heredity shows clearly that no inheritance of acquired character is needed to account for the observed facts of heredity. Darwin had thought that the qualities of the parents blended in the child Mendel showed that they were dealt among the children like cards from a pack. The crossing of yellow and green peas, for instance, does not produce an intermediate colour. What happens is that the crossing of "tall and green" and "yellow and dwarf" gives (1) pure strains of either parent, (2) "tall yellow", (3) "green dwarf"—and these in fixed and easily calculable proportions.

HEREDITY FACTORS

As soon as it was proved (by William Bateson, 1861-1926) that this card-pack principle held good throughout nature, cytologists (experts on cell-structure) began to search in the sex-cell for the actual cards in the pack. These were soon found. In the nuclei of male and female sex-cells, threads of protoplasm were discovered on which, like knots on a string, were the "genes" —the heredity factors, the units of character packed to be passed on.

Perhaps the greatest name in this scientific field is the American, T. H. Morgan (1866-1946) who, with his colleagues, recorded the inheritance patterns in many thousand ten-day generations of the vinegar fly, Drosophila.

By selecting promising mutations and breeding from them, the geneticists have produced remarkable results, prodigiously rich strains of maize, for instance, or disease-free wheats. Lysenko and the obedient Russian scientists try to prove, or at any rate to state, that better results can be obtained by working on Lamarckian principles. All that the scientific geneticists can say is that the claims of the neo-Lamarckians are so far supported by hardly a shadow of proof; while Mendel's theory, modified and extended by later workers, now rests on many hundred thousand experiments all mathematically linked and forming, so far as they go, an unshakable whole.

This is what Huxley says on the subject:—

Many people must be wondering why there is all this fuss about Lysenko and Soviet genetics: is not it just another scientific squabble, of no general interest except to professional scientists?

The answer is No, and that for two quite different reasons. It interests everyone who believes that science is an indispensable tool for human progress, because the U.S.S.R. has officially rejected some of the essentials of scientific method itself, and has split world science into two hostile camps. And it interests everyone concerned with the enlightenment and material benefits that the science of genetics and the laws of inheritance

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

Arab Unity

The Middle East is faced with important problems, which have a vital bearing on the future of the countries comprising it. It has had an important and large part of territory carved out of it and handed over to an alien people and a hostile Government: all imposed by the 'force majeure' of Big Powers. Moreover, situated as it is geographically, its strategic possibilities have made of it a subject of the Big Power politics game. Even were this not the case Arab countries, because of common culture, common economic and political problems would have so many problems common to them. All this renders Arab solidarity and unity essential. The Arab League was created for the purpose of organising this unity and of helping to carry into effect the requirements of that unity. The Arab League, founded some years back, has achieved some success and has also met with some failures. It is, we hope, to learn from both that Egypt's Foreign Minister is holding a conference of his country's diplomatic envoys. And it is in the spirit of those lessons that they have agreed on a policy "to bring about Arab unity consistent with the desires of the Arab peoples." The conference, which according to the communique, was "guided by Arab interests alone, discussed at length problems facing the Arab countries and the strengthning of the Arab League in an atmosphere of sincere friendship and brotherhood." A policy formulated in such a spirit is bound to constitute a valuable lead and guide for Arab countries. Incidentally, we want particularly to note that specific emphasis is laid in the communique on "Arab" unity, "Arab" peoples, "Arab" interests, "Arab" countries and the Arab League. This is worth noting as a gratifying and welcome reply to efforts of certain Pakistan politicians, like Chaudhry Khaliquzzaman on behalf of Pan-Islamism, and of creating of a Federation of "Muslim" states on a religious basis. In modern days such ideas are so out of date and unworkable that it is surprising any one should entertain them. Chaudhry Khaliquzzaman and his colleagues may have their own brilliant "statesmanlike" reasons for trying — with complete failure —to sell that idea. But we are certainly surprised that the Aga Khan should seek to advocate and encourage it, as, at any rate, he is reported to have done while he was in Karachi.

Why The Silence?

We had hoped that the decisions of the joint conference of the Chief Secretaries of West and East Bengal would not only help to end the present communal troubles in both but would also constitute an effective instrument in preventing any recrudescence of such troubles in either state in the future. For, the main features of the achievement were joint investigations and no effort to suppress facts. Do we take it that the hopes are not to be realised? There have been persistent reports of the minority community in East Bengal being subjected to assaults, looting and so on. According to latest reports communal aggression by the majority, instead of abating, is actually spreading over new areas and towns. But urgent requests by the West Bengal Government for information and for action under the terms of the Chief Secretaries agreement have been completely ignored. Supposing the reports are wrong or exaggerated, why is the East Bengal Government silent and why is it reluctant to have joint investigations carried out? If there is nothing to hide why refuse to have facts brought out?

Madras Enquiry

Though, like Caesar's wife, ministers should be above suspicion, it is next to impossible for any minister to escape criticism. Party members, friends and relations can always provide enough situations for the critics to hit at. Political rivals are not slow in exploiting this predicament. The Madras muddle provides an example of this. Much dust was raised by the ousted Prime Minister, Mr. T. Prakasam, when he lost his post to his own party rival. The charges made by him were so serious that the Congress Working Committee had to take cognisance of it and a sub-committee, consisting of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, was appointed to scrutinise them. After a prolonged investigation, the sub-committee has recommended that the matter should be dropped as in many cases even prima facie evidence was lacking and mere suspicion could not be sufficient excuse for holding an enquiry. However, Dr Rajendra Prasad has made a valuable suggestion that "the action of Ministers should be not only in strict accordance with rules and procedure laid down for dealing with particular matters which come up before them but they should do nothing which might leave room for any reasonable person to entertain any reasonable suspicion." This should provide a good ruling for the conduct of ministers. One regrettable feature is that the enquiry has been so unavoidably long. There should be a machinery to investigate immediately such serious allegations and also provide punishment to an irresponsible critic. This will work as a double check on both the administration and baseless criticism. As the Madras incident has had wide publicity, it is hoped that the enquiry committee members will publish all the evidence, they have collected, which proved the charges baseless.

Scientific Research

Speaking last week at the Royal Institute of Science, Raja Maharaj Singh said that research was the most important and essential thing for India's progress. It is a welcome sign that these views are expressed by the Governor and as a corollary something concrete will be done to encourage research in the State. At present whatever is being done is almost negligible and not properly organised. As an exception there is some good work being down by privately sponsored institutions but no spectacular results have been achieved. We feel that the Bombay University, and colleges attached to it, should encourage more research activity. This work can be done not by the professors but by post-graduate students, who are better suited to pursue a fresh line of thought than their teachers. The routine course of lectures, the professors are called upon to deliver year by year tends to confine their vision to text books. It is only their students, who have just finished their courses, who are likely strike a new path. Unfortunately, they get very little encouragement. Fellowships and demonstrator's jobs, which are offered to post-graduate students, are so badly paid that they are anxious to leave their colleges as soon as possible and begin to earn their living in a trade or industry. Thus several promising youngmen are lost for research. Also there is a tendency to take a easier subject for thesis or degree because the emphasis is more on examination than on adding anvthing new to our knowledge. No original research will be possible unless the University and colleges change their attitude to post-graduate students. It is often found that many colleges do not pay even the meagre scales fixed by the University, to their fellows and demonstrators. The post-graduate student is looked upon more as a nuisance, who has overstayed his welcome. Many of the colleges refuse them admission into hostels The University ought to explore the possibilities of utilising post-graduate students for research work and the Government can encourage it by providing funds earmarked for that purpose.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

St. Catherine's Home

In the letter which appeared over my signature in the issue of the Bombay Chronicle dated Feb 15, I stated that St. Catherine's Home who were occupying for years past the property at Andheri belonging to Mr. Pirshah Godrej were asked to vacate and were practically thrown out on the strrets. I am sorry that I should have made this statement. I find it is incorrect due to some misunderstanding. The Mother Superior now assures me that Mr. Godrej was always most considerate, helpful and generous during the time they were lodged in his house and that they were not asked to vacate. The fact is that the HOME vacated of their own accord and at their own convenience only because Mr. Joseph Bruno offered them a gift of 5 acres of land and also because they wanted to be on their own premises. In fairness to Mr. Godrej as well as to Mother Superior who are both my good friends I write this letter setting out the correct facts as I now find them and I again repeat that I am sorry for the inconvenience or the annoyance I may have caused to both sides.

—BAPSY SABAVALA.

We gladly publish the above correction and apology which removes a misimpression about a leading benefactor of St. Catherine's Home conveyed in an appeal for public support to the institution.

—EDITOR.

The Aga Khan And Pan-Islamism

His Highness the Aga Khan, in a Press Conference in Karachi is reported to have said that as he is Persian by origin, is born in Karachi and has taken kindly to the English Soil, he has a soft corner for all these countries. He also asks the Muslims to form a pan-Islamic Nation.

We quite understand the greatness of His Highness but, it does not behove his high status as a religious leader of the Khojas to meddle in politics as the propagation of his ideas will spell ruin to his innumerable followers in Bharat who faithfully support him with men and money.

—SARDAR HAFIZULLAH KHAN.
—SARDAR INAYATULLAH KHAN
—SARDAR HABIBULLAH KHAN.

Montessori Course

I was surprised to read the number of trainees who attended the Eleventh Montessori Training Course at Gwalior. Some time back nearly 250 trainees had taken advantage of attending the Course at Poona. The Educational Adviser to the Government of Bombay said that for the present the Government has no plan to educate the children below six years of age. It is, therefore, the duty of the educated parents to make proper arrangements for their children so that they may not grow into undesirable delinquents. In the month of March, 1950, the Twelfth Montessori Course is to be held in Bombay and lovers of children, men and women, should train themselves and be a part-time teachers and add to their income. I would like to suggest to the Government of Bombay to take active steps to induce the temporary employees, women in particular, to study this system of education so that in times of need, they can be employed in various schools meant for the education of children below six years.

—L. D. DIXIT.

'Rice Plate' Shops

"I see every day "Rice Plate" shops springing up in Bombay city and wonder how they are supplied by the Government the rice when there is acute scarcity thereof.

The first principle of the Rationing system is that it should not be available in the bazar, especially when the Government is not able to give that commodity to the public in sufficient quantity to sell it to the shop-keepers is to say the least most unfair.

As we hear from the Government that there is scarcity of Rice, their action in supplying the same to the "Rice Plate Shops" and Hotels must be stopped forthwith.

I do not think that the Government can cite any parallel in the whole world for their action in supplying rice to the outsiders other than the Ration Cardholders.

—H. C. PARALKER.

B. E. S. T. Workers' Condition

The letter of the General Secretary, BEST Workers' Union, published in your issue of 8th February, 1950, is misleading as it does not give the correct position as regards the leave applicable to the transport workers of this Undertaking. In addition to 15 days' privilege leave on full pay every year (which can be accumulated for three years), the employees of the transport section are allowed a paid weekly off (52 days in a year), and 15 days' Sick Leave on half-pay, out with FULL dearness allowance every year. With dearness allowance standing at present at Rs. 52- per month, this amounts in effect to one month's leave every year on practically full pay. Leave without pay to the extent of three months or more is granted to staff in deserving cases.

As regards the spread-over of duties complained of, the majority of conductors and drivers of trams are working a straight duty of 8 1/2 hours and 8 hours respectively, but in the case of bus drivers, their duties have to be spread over, as under the Indian Motor Vehicles Act, the driver of a public service vehicle cannot work for more than 5 hours without a half-hour break. The spread-over of duties will, therefore, have to be continued in the case of bus drivers until such time as the Indian Motor Vehicles Act is modified. It is, however, proposed shortly to revise the duty schedules of bus conductors so as to enable them to work a straight duty of 8 1/2 hours. This will avoid the spreadover of duties which is complained of.

Regarding housing provisions, the Undertaking maintains 5 chawls, 3 of which are specially allocated for the use of Traffic Staff at very low rents. Free medical benefits are also available to staff of the whole Undertaking.

Gratuity on retirement, ranges from 3 months' pay for a period of 7 years' service to 12 months' pay for a period of 15 years' service, and the popularity of the Undertaking's service is reflected in the large number of applicants seeking employment as drivers and conductors. Nevertheless, every effort is being made to liberalise the service conditions wherever it is considered necessary to do so.

—J. R. TALEYARKHAN
Traffic Manager.

Labour Relations Bill

"The Minister for Labour has introduced the Labour Relations Bill in the Parliament. It is unfortunate that workers' organisations have not yet been consulted on the contents of the Bill. The Bill as it deals with Industrial Disputes and other allied matters is bound to be highly controversal. In Britain the Industrial Disputes Act of 1926 and in the United States the Taft-Hartley Act proved to be the most controversial pieces of legislation. As working class opinion is only slightly represented in the Indian Parliament, it is necessary to circulate the Bill to elicit public opinion. We hope every opportunity will be given by the Government to hundreds of trade unions in the country to consult their members and express their opinions on a Bill that is to affect them vitally. The Government must not be guilty of hustling through so important a piece of legislation".

—ASOKA MEHTA.

ORISSA NEWSLETTER:

Crime On Increse In Orissa State

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)
CUTTACK, (By Mail).

REPORTS of sensational events have been received from different parts of Orissa during the last week. These reports relate to crimes, official punishments to offending Government servants, fire outbreaks and diseases and suicides.

From Sundergarh comes a report that the former S.D.O. of Sundergarh Sri Sailabhari Chatterji who was tried before the District Magistrate on charges of accepting bribes from wartime contractors and subsequently detected by the Anti-Corruption Department has been convicted and sentenced.

An Accountant of the Orissa Secretariat is being tried in the local Magistrate's court on a charge of defalcation of Government money Peer Mohamad, a peon of the Home Department has just been dismissed from service on being detected for forging the signature of the Minister of Rural Welfare Department. Yet another Assistant of the Home Department who died last week suddenly was suspected in a case of alleged misappropriation of Government funds.

Quite a good deal of sensation was created in the Sadar S.D.O's court last week when one Rajani Devi, a sixteen-year old woman was produced on a charge of giving poison to her husband.

A zamindar of Ganjam, Sri Ramachandra Deo, figures in a murder case which occurred in Pariakemidi estate a few days ago He was arrested at Khandwa Railway sation along with his servant in conection with the murder of a tenant in a dispute on lands.

LABOUR UNREST

Last week recorded the recrudence of labour trouble in the new capital at Bhubaneswar and at Hirakud a few weeks earlier. Some Sikh and Oriya workers were arrested at Bhubaneswar following a clash between the two parties which resulted in injuries to both sides .Twenty-five labourers were taken to custody at Talcher where the manager of the Villers' Colliery was reported to have been attacked by a mob. A lock out has been declared.

The Industries Department of the Government of Orissa have discovered that the back of Karada trees can be used as a near substitute for wattle bark which is extensively used by the tanning industry in India. The bark contains 39 per cent tanning and is also said to be a deadly poison for fish.

The discovery of a Mica mine near the new capital at Bhubaneswar is reported this week. It is learnt that the workmen engaged in earth digging operation found the mica deposits while removing earth near the capital area. The Government of India have been informed about the new find.

There is evidently much activity in the opposition parties both inside and outside the State Legislature of Orissa of late. The Parliamentary Opposition Party seems to be systematising its work and regularising its activities. A regular party office with a newly appointed secretary selected from outside its fold has since been opened in the Kanika Rajabati, the residence of the leader of Opposition, the Raja of Kanika, Sri Sailendra Narayan Bhanjdeo.

WORK HONESTLY AND PROFITABLY

Rajaji On The New Task Before People

MADRAS, Feb. 19, (PTI).

MR. C. Rajagopalachari today stated that it was time now that in the interest of the country every Indian should concentrate on the work allotted to him and do it honestly, diligently and in a profitable manner. Since his return from Delhi, Mr. Rajagopalachari said, people here had been eagerly looking for what he had to tell them.

Till Swaraj was achieved everyone had to work for it. That task was now over. Their duty today was to turn their attention—each one to his or her own work and do it properly without prejudicing the interests of another.

A businessman should do honest business. Let him by all means do business in a profitable manner but he should not aspire for undue profits. Similarly, a cultivator should cultivate his land well to bring out the maximum yield. If everyone did his job thoroughly and honestly the country would automatically prosper.

Mr. Rajagopalachari was speaking in Tamil at the birthday celebrations of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa at the Ramakrishna Mutt here.

PROFIT BY IT

Describing Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa as a real Mahatma, a rishi who had attained realisation, Mr. Rajagopalachari said that one of the very few books that had given him peace of mind was the life and teachings of Ramakrishna Paramahamsa, compiled by his close disciples. "Let us all be proud and happy that such a mahatma was born and lived in our land, at not a distant period but just over 100 years ago. Let us all profit by his teachings", he said

For ordinary men like himself, Mr. Rajagopalachari said, it was impossible to lead the life of a yogi and attain realisation like Ramakrishna Paramahamsa. He therefore, emphasised that young men should not attempt to become a yogi, but on the other hand they should profit by the life and teachings of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and become good and honest people.

Draft Standard For Sliding Door Bolts

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17: Sliding door bolts made of ferrous and non-ferrous metals are being manufactured in large quantities in India. In order to eliminate unnecessary varieties as to form and dimensions and to limit production to such varieties as are essential to the house-building trade the Engineering Hardware Sectional Committee of the Indian Standards Institution has prepared and issued for comments and suggestions a draft Indian standard specification for sliding door bolts for use with padlocks.

The types, materials, dimensions, finish marking and packing of door bolts are prescribed in the standard. Five drawings are given to illustrate the design of four standard door bolts of mild steel and four of brass covered by the specification.

This draft has been circulated to members of the Institution interested in this field and to large consumers, manufacturers, and technologists concerned. Comments on this draft standard will be received by the Director, Indian Standards Institution, Block 11, Old Scretariat, Delhi 2 up to May 10, 1950.

TOKYO, Feb. 18 (PTI-Reuter): Mail services between Japan and Mongolia Tibet and all parts of China will begin on Monday, it was officially announced here today. The services were suspended last May because of the civil war in China.

AITUC Chiefs To Meet

BOMBAY, Sunday: The Working Committee and the General, Council of the All-India Trade Union Congress will meet in Bombay on February 26 "to consider the Labour Relations Bill as well as amendments to the Trade Unions Act as proposed by the Government of India."

"The meeting," a press note issued here today stated, "will also consider the growing offensive of the capitalists by way of mass unemployment and attacks on wages, increase of work load and rationalisation and immediate steps to be taken to counteract this offensive."

Stop Press

News BRIEFS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 18 (PTI): The collections of the National Museum of India have now been enriched by two sets of inscribed copper plates of the eighth century A.D. throwing light on the system of local administration prevailing during the medieval period in the Deccan and Central India. Presented by the Raja of Bhor, the first set of three plates comprises 63 lines and the second set 39 lines engraved in early Nagari script of Sanskrit.

TOKYO, Feb. 18 (PTI-Reuter) The Japanese Government may halve the income tax on foreign residents, it was announced at a Parliamentary Committee meeting today. The move is to attract foreign capital.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (PTI-Reuter): The Congress of Industrial Organisations in a report released today voiced the belief that the Arab states might be planning a "second war of agression" against Israel.

EGYPTIAN ENVOY: Mr. El Sayed Ibrahim Bassiouni will be Charge D'Affaires 'ad interim' of Egypt in India during the absence from India of Egyptian Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary M. Ismail Kamel Bey, the External Affairs Ministry announced on Sunday. M. Ismail Kamel Bey left for Cairo on February 16.

INDORE CLAIM: Mr. Kibe, Chairman of the Madhya Bharat University has preferred the claim of Indore for the setting up of the proposed university in the State instead of at Ujjain, as is stated to be the Government's decision. He contends that the atmosphere necessary for the development of a modern university was only available at Indore and Ujjain would not be a suitable for the purpose.

CELEBRATION: The 115th birth anniversary of Shri Ramkrishna Dev was celebrated with due solemnity at the Bellur Math on Saturday. There were special worship and devotional songs throughout the day. Thousands of devotees flocked to Belur. The day began with "mangal arati", recital of hymns from the Vedas, bjajan and kirtans followed by special puja of Shri Ramkrishna and the ten avatars.

IF CHURCHILL HAD HIS WAY

Shawcross Criticises Tory Colonial Policy

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE, FEB. 18, (PTI-REUTER): Sir Hartley Shawcross, Attorney-General, said in an election speech here tonight that the country should not forget Mr. Winston Churchill's attitude towards India.

"If he had his way we should no doubt have been involved in a vain attempt to keep India down by force of arms", he said.

The Attorney-General was criticising Conservative policy in the Commonwealth and colonies.

VENOMOUS SPEECHES

"His speeches at the time we were negotiating the great and statesmanlike arrangements which have kept India willing partner and warm friend within the Commonwealth were described at the time by responsible Indian statesmen and ministers as "venomous and mischievous", as an 'outrage'".

"So they were, but in spite of them the people of India, far from being our enemies, are now our friends and the Commonwealth goes forward together as a great association of free peoples able to protect peace for the world and to promote their own well-being", Sir Hartley added.

LABOUR LAUNCHES FINAL BATTLE

Churchill's Move Is A Stunt, Says Cripps

LONDON, Feb. 18 (PTI-Reuter): The British Labour (Government) Party today launched a final five-day battle against what some of its supporters regard as the arch enemy which threatens its chances of victory at the polls on Thursday—complacency.

The election was almos texcluded from the front pages of London evening newspapers today by crime stories.

Labour leaders were today sure that Labour would win—provided the Opposition dropped no big bombshell in the meantime, and Socialists mustered in full strength to vote.

But Conservatives, with steadily increasing confidence know apathy is not a real worry on their side. The Conservative electoral machine is now tremendously efficient.

SPECTACULAR STUNT

Sir Stafford Cripps, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking today at Port Sunlight in Cheshire, dubbed Mr. Churchill's suggestion of a "Big Three" meeting on the Atom and H-Bombs as "a spectacular stunt".

In an election address here, he said the Opposition leader kuew there was not a responsible statesman or politician in the Western world who did not regard that danger with grave anxiety and who would not do anything wise and useful to try to diminish the danger.

"Nothing is so fatal in international relations as high level meetings without adequate preparation and without some degree of preliminary agreement" he said.

ASMARA, ERITREA, Feb. 18 (PTI-Reuter): The Five-Power United Nations Commission enquiring into the future of the pre-war Italian colony of Eritrea today adopted its work programme and set up an economic subcommission.

Control Of A & H-Bombs

CONALLY & STASSEN'S SUGGESTIONS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. (PTI-Reuter)

SENATOR TOM CONALLY, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said today the time might be near for a showdown conference with Russia on control of atomic weapons including the Hydrogen Bomb. He suggested a three-power meeting at which United States Secretary of State Dean Acheson would confer with his Russian and British opposite numbers Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky and Mr. Ernest Bevin.

STASSEN'S PLEA TO TRUMAN

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, Feb. 18 (PTI-Reuter).—Mr. Harold E. Stassen, former unsuccessful Republican candidate for the United States Presidency today urged that the United States Government should name an administrator with the powers of Mr. Paul G. Hoffman head of European Marshall aid to lead an American aid scheme for Asia.

He also asked President Truman to seek a conference with Soviet leaders on both Asia and the Hydrogen Bomb.

The former Governor of Minnesota, now President of the University of Pennsylvania, conceded there were no "bright prospects of success" for such a meeting.

He called for British and French participation in the "mid-century conference" which would consider these major issues of Asia and the Hydrogen Bomb.

TELLING RUSSIANS

If the conference failed the United States should use every possible means—not only the radio but pamphlets dropped from balloons and planes—"to send information over the iron curtain to the Russian people", Mr. Stassen declared.

The Conference which must include American Republican as well as Democratic delegates would be the first step in correcting the "sad failures in American foreign policy."

Even if the Conference failed or if the invitation were rebuffed, "our moral leadership in the world will be strengthened," Mr. Stassen declared adding: "Ultimately the moral force will decide the fate of mankind."

In his indictment of the administration, Mr. Stassen declared: Never before in the history of the world has a major nation lost so many of its objectives through the executive (Presidential) conduct of its foreign affairs as this nation has in the last five years."

"THREE BLUNDERS"

He cited as three major blunders:

(1) The American forces' failure to occupy Berlin at the end of the last war.

(2) "Concessions to Russia" at the Potsdam conference.

(3) Lack of action in China which, he said, contributed "immeasurably" to the present Communist domination there.

Two achievements reached with Republican co-operation were the United Nations and the Marshall Plan, he asserted.

SINGHANIA'S HELP TO STUDENTS

Donates Rs. 20,000 For Scholarships

BOMBAY, Sunday.

To perpetuate the memory of his deceased father, Late Lala Kamlapat Singhania, Sir Panampat Singhania, Governing Director, J. K. Group of Industries has been pleased to donate Rs. 20,000 as scholarships to students prosecuting their studies on various subjects in colleges and universities in India for the session 1950-51.

A. I. C. C. CONCERN OVER BENGAL

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concluded its two and a half hour session today.

"It was revealed in the meeting", added Mr. Kala Venkata Rao, "that there is no security of life and property in East Pakistan and that it was an organised attempt on the part of the Muslims of East Pakistan to send away the Hindu population from that area. The harrowing tales that are spread in Calcutta are agitating the minds of the public in West Bengal and in Calcutta particularly and while normally the Hindus do not resort to arson etc., certain reactionary elements are putting up agent-provocateures and create some kind of tension and harassment to the Muslim population. It was also stated that the behaviour of certain Muslims in Calcutta provoked the communal feeling of the Hindus who are already agitated by the tales of oppression reaching from Pakistan".

Continuing Mr. Kala Venkata Rao said: "One member referred to the influx of many refugees into Assam and the danger was that many Muslim immigrants also came and were upsetting the local peace and economy.

NO WAR

"One prominent member of the Working Committee explained the situation in detail. He stated that the present situation in East Pakistan was potentially there for more than a year. At any rate, this much was correct that the Hindus in East Pakistan are terrorised and feel no security. There are two alternatives. One is the mass transfer of population. Can that be feasible? The other is war. But we cannot think about it. But we are, he added, not idle. We are thinking of other solutions which we hope will bring in peace and harmony and security to the Hindus in East Pakistan".

Concluding Mr. Kala Venkata Rao said: "Some of the A.I.C.C. members spoke about the Congress organization pointing out some local defects. One member demanded that the Congress organization should not allow its own members to criticise Governments in public. The President thanked the members for elucidating many points which would be considered both by the Working Committee and the Governments concerned".

It is learnt that of the 14 members who participated in the discussion, there were four from Bengal, two from Behar, there from Punjab and one from Andhra and rest of the others from the States.

The Congress Economic Sub-Committee appointed by the last sitting of the Congress Working Committee met the President and the Secretaries of the various Provincial Congress Committees as well as some members of the A.I.C.C. at a special two-hour sitting at 11 a.m. this morning in the Constitution Club Hall.

Addressing the gathering, the chairman of the Sub-Committee Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant explained the object of appointing such a committee before the Planning Commission was appointed by the Government Premier Pant is understood to have also explained the role of the Congress organisation in the formulation and effective execution of democratic planning.

In the general discussion, the speakers are understood to have stressed the expeditious abolition of the Zamindari system, grant of fixity of tenure and fair rent to sub-tenants, minimum wages for agricultural labour and organisation of co-operatives for agricultural and village industries, betterment of living conditions of lower middle class like school teachers etc., and the development of a proper psychological atmosphere through elimination of black-marketing and corruption; reorganisation of civil service for a welfare state and establishment of such conditions as might facilitate harmonious work between the Congress Planning Committee and the Government Planning Commission.

THE END OF SCIENCE?

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can oring to the world, and in particular to the peoples of Russia, because the U.S.S.R. has officially banned most of modern genetic science and has officially approved a theory of heredity and evolution which has any impartial scientist knows is incorrect and out of date, and therefore in the long run incapable of producing valuable results.

MENDELISM VS. MICHURINISM

The controversy is between the upholders of Mendelism and Michurinism. Mendelism maintains that heredity depends on a system of material particles, the genes; hereditary variation on the mutation of genes; and evolution on the automatic process of natural selection.

The followers of Michurin, on the other hand, assert that heredity is an aspect of metabolism, or the chemical processes underlying vital activity, that hereditary variation is due to the effects of changed external conditions, and that evolution is due to the inheritance of such acquired characters over many generations. These represent two radically opposed views of this fundamental property of life.

However the real issue at stake is political and ideological. At the end of July, 1948, the Lenin Academy of Agricultural Sciences staged a discussion on genetics in which members of the two camps took part. Lysenko was both President of the Academy and the leading proponent of Michurinism. Towards the very end of the session he disclosed that the Central Committee of the Communist Party approved of his Report—in other words, that they officially accepted Michurinism and condemned Mendelism. Thereupon the Academy passed a resolution to the same general effect.

"CLASS STRUGGLE"

A few weeks later the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences, the highest scientific authority in the land, but at the same time a governmental agency, voted an extraordinary series of resolutions and formal statements on the subject—extraordinary, at least, to people in non-totalitarian countries. These not merely laid down that certain laboratories working on Mendelian lines should be closed down as "unscientific" and "useless", and accused a number of Mendelians by name of holding "reactionary idealist theories"; not only laid down that the councils and boards of biological institutes and scientific journals should be purged of Mendelians and these replaced by Michurinites; but laid down that Mendelism was "reactionary", "idealist", and "pseudo-scientific" that the struggle between it and Michurinism "has taken the form of the ideological class struggle", and finally that "Michurin's materialist direction in biology is the only acceptable form of science."

MIXING SCIENCE WITH THEOLOGY

This, it will be seen, brings theology of Dark Age type into science. In the U.S.S.R. Michurinism is now official and orthodox dogma, and Mendelism is official heretical.

All the prominent Mendelians in the U.S.S.R. have lost their positions, and —if at all—are employed in fields other than genetics.

In the long discussion at the Academy of Agricultural Sciences, this extraordinary and grievous state of affairs was even more obvious.

The rise of science is, I suppose, the most distinctive feature dividing the modern world from all other periods, and ever since its first real beginnings in the seventeenth century science has had various distinctive characteristics. For one thing it cannot be a respecter of authority: any dispute in science can be settled only by reference to the facts of nature, by means of observation or, if possible, experiment. Then it has always insisted on freedom of inquiry, however distasteful to authority or public opinion its conclusions may be—think of the opposition that the ideas of Galileo and Darwin and Freud had to overcome. And it has always been universal in character—an international activity depending on the joint efforts of many countries.

But in the U.S.S.R. today, science is no longer universal but definitely nationalist; it is no longer free, but has had certain types of inquiry prohibited; and it has been forced to accept the ruling of non-scientific authority as to what is scientifically true and false, instead of being allowed to refer the question to the arbitrament of fact.

DOGMATIC THEOLOGY

Soviet genetics has thus really ceased to be science in the sense in which the scientists of the past three centuries have practised it, and has become a branch of dogmatic theology—for the official ideology of Communist Russia services very much the same purpose as theology did in the centuries after Christianity became the official religion of the late Roman Empire.

Modern genetics only started half a century ago. Since then, it has made really spectacular progress. Its basic achievement is the discovery that there exists an organ of heredity, just as there are organs of digestion and respiration, and that this consists of hundreds of material units, the genes, arranged in the visible but microscopic cell-structure called chromosomes. This knowledge makes the idea of the inheritance of acquired characteristics so unlikely as to be virtually impossible.

"TRUE" THEORY?

The gene-theory of heredity, as we may call this extended Modern Mendelism, is a true scientific theory, in the sense of a framework of general concepts which is based on a mass of scientific facts and laws, and gives a satisfactory interpretation of them.

When we come to Michurinism, however, we have regretfully to note that it is not a scientific theory in this sense, but (as its own adherents usually call it) a doctrine in which conformity with an ideology is put before conformity with the facts of nature. This may sound impossible to Western ears: but it is true. For instance, one of Lysenko's chief arguments is that any other method of evolution is "unthinkable". Quite apart from the fact that a great many eminent scientists, including Darwin himself, have found evolution by natural selection perfectly "thinkable", there are the facts—but these he disregards.

Again, Glushchenko, Lysenko's chief helper, stated that "Dialectics show... that external influences become internal properties (i.e. become hereditary) after assimilation by the organism", a Western scientist would not bother about what dialectics or any other kind of philosophy might be supposed to show he would test his ideas by experiment

The discussion abounded in other remarks that revealed a doctrinal atmosphere reminiscent of some early Council of the Church rather than of a modern scientific meeting. For instance, Lysenko himself made the astonishing statement that, "Mendelism definitely is pure undisguised Metaphysics" (it must b every surprising for new geneticist friends to realise that they are metaphysicians without knowing it). And over and over again a doctrinal flavour is injected by calling the Mendelians names—either philosophical names such as idealists or scholastics, or political names such as bourgeois or re-actionaries—names wholly inapplicable to those patient searchers after natural truth.

MORGAN THE "HIRELING"

Name-calling reached its high point when this same Glushchenko wrote "American monopolists have to justify before the masses their aspirations for world domination. That is why their Morganist-Weismannist hirelings resurrect the reactionary ideas of Malthus and raise a hullabaloo about the over-population that they themselves have invented".

Lysenko's chief scientific claims are, first, the inheritance of acquired characters in cereals, due to a few years' vernalisation treatment. Secondly, the claim to have secured a fusion of two "heredities" by grafting two varieties or species of plants together—"vegetative hybridisation." And thirdly the claim to have obtained valuable new strains as a result of "shattering the heredities" of widely different varieties by crossing.

This last point can be soon disposed of. Doubtless valuable results have been obtained; but equally doubtless these results are due to the operation of simple Mendilian principles, according to which a large range of new varieties is inevitable after a wide cross.

HYBRIDISATION

As regards vegetative hybridisation, nobody outside the U.S.S.R. has yet been able to obtain the same results. Furthermore, at least the main earlier experiments in the USSR were not carried out with proper scientific precautions, nor were the results and methods published in adequate detail to enable others to evaluate them properly or repeat them exactly. In any case, if, as is quite possible, the Russians have obtained some new results, we can be sure that they can be interpreted on a modern Mendelian basis.

Finally, the inheritance of modification of the character of cereal strains by vernalisation treatment runs counter to all our previous knowledge. If Lysenko really did get any positive results they are much more likely to be due to Lysenko's having used impure strains, on which unconscious selection then operated.

Finally, Soviet scientists no longer regard science as a unitary world activity. Present, for instance, actually said "is it not extraordinary that in our country, where dialectical materialism is the method and logical basis of science, with an undeniably revolutionary character, there appear from time to time dreams of the unity of science with contemporary foreign science?"

SCIENCE DISEASED

Another symptom of this same disease of science is revealed in the constant claims by the USSR to priority in scientific discoveries of applications—radio, the steam engine, and a dozen others—many of them quite untenable.

There is a great deal to be said for a nation having some generally accepted ideology or body of beliefs and ideas, to use the modern jargon; but a common belief or a common view of human destiny will serve equally well. A vigorous society needs some central body of ideas which will inspire men and women and provide a driving force and a common basis for action. But there is, it seems to me, little or nothing to be said for forcibly imposing such an ideology or body of ideas from above. That may be the inevitable result in a totalitarian State. If so, all the worse for totalitarianism—and, alas for the rest of the world in which totalitarianism exists

This forcible imposition of uniformity and orthodoxy is least pardonable in science, for the reason that it runs counter to the very essence of scientific method—the method of freedom of research and opinion and expression, and especially of testing every idea against the facts of nature instead of relying on unaided reason and still less on authority which was at the root of the spectacular advances made by man through science in the last three centuries.

What will be the eventual result of this suppression of scientific freedom in the USSR, and this splitting of the world's scientific unity, no one can tell—except that it cannot very well be anything but bad. Meanwhile every attempt should made to persuade the Soviet authorities to pursue a more liberal and progressive policy.

DR. SOEDARSANO

RANGOON, Feb. 19 (PTI-Reuter): Dr. Soerdarano, Indonesian Ambassador to India, may also for some time be his Government's representative to Burma it was reported here. He arrived in Rangoon from India yesterday for talks centring round exchange of diplomatic representatives between Indonesia and Burma, and will remain here for a week.

SUARAT, Feb. 19 (PTI): Mr. Ranchodas Popawala has been elected President of Surat Chamber of Commerce for the coming year. Mr. Kanchanlal Kapadia has been elected Vice-President.

INDIA BEATS YUGOSLAVIA

BELGRADE, Feb. 18. (PTI-Reuter):— The Indian Championship Table Tennis team tonight beat Yugoslavia four games to one.

Chandarana, the Indian champion, beat Bodorich 22 16 19 21 21 9.

Bozapac beat Bhandari of India 21 16 21 19 but was beaten by Chandarana 17 21 23 21 21 15

Bhandari beat Bodorich 21 16 21 23 21 6

DOUBLES: The two Indians beat the Yugoslavians 21 18 19 21 21 5

The third Indian player, K. Jayant was tonight still unwell.

COLOURFUL SPORTS IN JAMMU

Indian Army Has A Field Day Of Sports

JAMMU, Feb 19 (PTI)—Various units of the Indian Army here took part in colourful sports such as horse racing, athletics and folk-dances at the Polo ground in Jammu yesterday evening.

The meet, organised in connection with the republic day celebrations, was to have been held on January 26 but was postponed on account of heavy rains.

INDIAN T. T. TEAM NOT TO PLAY SWEDEN

Hungary Refuses To Grant Transit Visas

STOCKHOLM, Feb 18. (PTI-Reuter):— Hungary has refused transit visas to an Indian table tennis team which was to have played Sweden here later this month. The team now in Yugoslavia has informed the Swedish Table Tennis Association that it must cancel the match and they will go to Britain instead.

The Indians had planned to travel from Yugoslavia to Sweden via Hungary and East Germany

NINTH ALL INDIA CATTLE SHOW

Cream Of Iidia's Liv Stock Compete For Awards

LUCKNOW, Feb. 17. (PTI): The cream of India's livestock paraded the Victoria Park this evening when winners in the Ninth All-India Cattle Show were awarded prizes valued at Rs. 36,000 by the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Mr. H. P. Mody.

Seventy-six donated Challenge Cups were given away, Satguru Maharaj Pratap Singhji's animals annexing 13 trophies—the largest by any single owner.

The total number of entries this year was 750 as compared to 531 last year. The notable breeds exhibited were the Deoni, Hariana, Hissar, Kankan, Gaolao, Red Sindhi, Sahiwal and Murrah. Majority of the entries had been received from the Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

Besides cattle, there were 80 sheep and goats and 700 poultry. Twenty-one cups valued at Rs. 10,000 were awarded to the winner of the poultry besides cash prizes of Rs. 10,000.

The Marquis of Linlithgow Challenge Cup for the best animal in the show and the Saidullah Khan Challenge Cup for the best buffalo bull were won by the Military Dairy Farm, Ferozepur.

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CHARCOAL

FOR OVERCHARGING customers by issuing short weight in charcoal, charcoal retailer's licences of—

(1) Mr. Bhagwati Phulia Ahir, RC/260,
(2) Mr. Shevakram Muranmal, RC/306,
(3) Mr. Yarmahomed Jahoorkhan, RC/311,
(4) Mr. Tahauldar Valimahomed, RC/567,
(5) Mr. Patehmahomed Tahuldar, RC/717, and
(6) Mr. Vishnu Phatoji Rawle, RC/1288, have been suspended for three months and their deposit of Rs. 100 have been forfeited to Government.

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Foundry Hard Coke Permit holders in Greater Bombay will get 25% Deshi Bhatta in addition for the month of February 1950 on their applying for the same to the Provincial Coal Controller, No. 10 Queen's Barracks, Cooperage, Bombay.

TOURISTS LEAD WITH 56 RUNS AND 8 WKTS. IN HAND

DAWKES ATTENDED TO BY MADRAS MAYOR

MADRAS, Feb. 19 (PTI):—George Dawkes, the Commonwealth wicket-keeper, who was hit on the nose when trying to collect a ball from George Tribe, has not sustained any serious injury, Dr. P. V. Cherian, Mayor of Madras said tonight.

Dawkes, who fell unconscious on the field, was carried on a stretcher to the dressing room where Dr. Cherian, who happened to be watching the game, stopped slight bleeding and revived Dawkes back to consciousness.

The doctor, who a few years ago was Surgeon-General of Madras, said tonight that Dawkes should be fit to play again tomorrow.

India All Out In First Innings For 313 Runs

CLOSE FINISH EXPECTED IN FIFTH "UNOFFICIAL" TEST

MADRAS, February 19 (P.T.I.).

The India XI were all out for 313 runs, 11 runs short of the Commonwealth Cricket Teams first innings total and the latter in their second innings had made 45 for the loss of two wickets when stumps were drawn on the third day of the fifth and final unofficial test match at Chepauk today.

A quarter inch of rain at night and a slight drizzle one hour before the start of the game had rendered the uncovered wicket wet and when Hemu Adhikari 19 and Kishenchand 8 resumed India XI innings they found an occasional ball kicking up even though slow bowlers were operating, while the bowlers used sawdust generously to get a foothold.

Although the bowlers dictated terms and the slow outfield robbed the batsmen of many runs, Adhikari and Kishenchand stuck to their task for more than an hour today before Adhikari fell to George Tribe against whom he was never comfortable.

Joined by Polly Umrigar, Kishenchand, however, set about the task of getting as near the Commonwealth total as possible. He severely punished anything short of length and once took 11 runs off Tribe's one over.

Rich in experience with this type of wicket, "Jock" Livingston continued to rely on his spinners throughout the pre-lunch period although the new ball could be claimed half an hour after the start of the game.

At lunch the India XI with four wickets in hand required only 56 runs to pass the Tourists total. But Livingston took the new ball immediately on resumption and off the very first ball Umrigar became Fitzmaurice's third victim.

Kishenchand and C. S. Nayudu added 33 runs for the eighth wicket before Tribe ended formers gallant effort. Within a few minutes the remaining two wickets fell to give the Commonwealth team a lead of 11 runs.

Earlier, a ball from Tribe hit George Dawkes nastly on the nose and the wicketkeeper had to be carried on a stretcher to the dressing room.

India's opening bowlers Dattu Phadkar and Vijay Hazare bowled brilliantly when the visitors entered on their second knock but both Livingston and Norman Oldfield received "lives" before entering double figures.

Relieving Hazare, Chowdhury reaped the harvest by getting the wickets of the visitors opening batsmen Livingston, who was looking for runs, mistimed a drive and Mushtakali made a one handed catch and Oldfield fell to a brilliant catch by the bowler himself.

Oldfield however, completed his 1,000 runs of the tour, he being the fourth Commonwealth batsman to achieve the feat. The other three in order of achievement are: Frank Worrell, Bill Alley and "Jock" Livingston.

SCOREBOARD

Commonwealth XI (1st Innings) 324

India (1st Innings

S. Mushtaqali l.b.w. Tribe	10
V. Mankad b Fitzmaurice	15
R. S. Modi b Lambert	11
Vijay Hazare c and b Worrell	77
D. G. Phadkar b Fitzmaurice	40
Hemu Adhikari c Alley b Tribe	29
G. Kishenchand b Tribe	72
P. R. Umrigar c Worrell b Fitzmaurice	15
C. S. Nayudu b Tribe	26
P. G. Joshi b Freer	0
N. Chowdhury not out	0
Extras	18
Total	313

WICKETS FELL AT: 1 for 16, 2 for 31, 3 for 50, 4 for 154, 5 for 156, 6 for 234, 7 for 269, 8 for 302, 9 for 311.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
H. Lambert	20	5	46	1
D. Fitzmaurice	18	5	40	3
F. Freer	15	3	43	1
G. Tribe	32	2	90	4
Ray Smith	24	6	40	0
F. Worrell	25	10	36	1

Commonwealth XI (2nd. Innings)

L. Livingston c Mushtaqali b Chowdhury	11
N. Oldfield c and b Chowdhury	18
J. K. Holt batting	10
F. Worrell batting	2
Extras	4
Total (for 2 wkts)	45

WICKETS FELL AT: 1 for 23, 2 for 42.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
D. G. Phadkar	7	1	19	0
Vijay Hazare	4	2	7	0
N. Chowdhury	6	2	12	2
Vinoo Mankad	4	2	3	0

JAGANNATH BAGS EIGHT WICKETS

Week-End Cricket In Bombay

BOMBAY, Sunday.

The following are the results of friendly cricket matches played today:

Brothers Cricketer Club Beat Karara.

United Sports Club by One Run

Brothers C. C. 138 for 10 wkts. (D. D. Kanchan 45, L. R. Sanil 34, S. M. Puthran 25; V. K. Salian 5 for 19). Kanara United S. C. 137 for 10 wkts. (D. M. Kunder 45, D. D. Kanchan 4 for 52).

Canteen Stores Department (India) Sports Club beat United Cricket Club (Ghatkopar) by 28 runs.

United C.C. 141 for 10 wkts. (Aurangabad (Sr.) 29; R. D. Shetty 6 for 39 G. K. Suvarna 4 for 45). Canteen Stores Dept. S.C. 169 for 10 wkts. (G. K. Suvarna 41; Aurangabad (Jr.) 6 for 63).

Balasinor Sports Club beat Lohar Chawl C.C. by 32 runs.

Balasinor S.C. 107 for 10 wkts. (M. D. Kapadia 33 not out; Vadilal 6 for 24; Mody 4 for 33). Lohar Chawl C.C. 75 for 10 wkts. (Chandrakant 31 not out; Jagannath 8 for 28).

Warden Insurance Sports Club beat Asian Insurance Sports Club by 40 runs.

Asian Insurance S.C. 40 for 10 wkts. (A. N. Surtt 4 for 23). Warden Insurance S.C. 80 for 10 wkts. (S. V. Mulay 29; Kerkar 5 for 41; Lalit 3 for 18).

Hanuman Cricket Club beat A. Dharmasey Social Club by 46 runs.

Hanuman C.C. 96 for 10 wkts. (D. Mehta 28; M. Daftary 26; Ansari 5 for 60). A. Dharmasey Social Club 50 for 10 wkts. (N. D. Jani 6 for 19).

Inter-Insurance Cricket Tournament

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Brilliant batting by Punjabi who scored an unbeaten 162 for the Empire of India Life Insurance Co.'s Cricket team enabled his side to declare their first innings with the score 288 for the loss of six wickets. Continuing from their overnight total of 31 for no loss, the Empire of India side established a lead of 284 runs on the first innings before applying closure to their first venture in the Inter-Insurance Tournament. They had yesterday dismissed their opponents from the Universal Insurance Co. team for the small total of 88 runs.

When the Universal side were sent in to bat for the second time, they fared even worse and were all out for the paltry score of 55 runs. Punjabi was responsible for the damage, capturing 8 wickets for 20 runs.

The Empire of India won by an innings and 149 runs.

The following were the principal scores:

Universal Ins. Co. 84 and 55 (Punjabi 8 for 20). Empire of India Life Ins. Co. 288 for 6 declared (Punjabi not out 152, Pathare 33, Pange 3 for 78).

In another match in the Inter-Insurance Cricket Tournament which was continued today, the Jupiter Insurance Co. resuming their innings were all out for 241 runs, and when the stumps were drawn for the day their opponents the Bombay Mutual Life Assurance team had collected 98 runs for the loss of three wickets only. The match will be continued tomorrow.

The following are the principal scores:—

Jupiter General Ins. Co. 241 (M. S. Shetty 76, V. K. Dixit 56, S. L. Patil 3 for 44). Bombay Mutual Life Assurance Co. 98 for 3 (D. R. Kher batting 37, B. S. Tamane 24).

Final Of Meerut Hornets Hockey Challenge Shield

MEERUT, Feb. 19 (PTI)—Khalsa Blues, Delhi, defeated New Stars. Delhi, by two goals to one in the final of the Meerut Hornets Hockey Challenge Shield Tournament this evening.

G.I.P. Railway Win At Last

BANGALORE, Feb. 19 (PTI): G.I.P. Railway (Bombay) today beat Hindustan Aircraft, Bangalore, by 2 goals to 1 in the replayed semi-finals of the Maharaja's Gold Cup Hockey Tournament. The winners will now meet 515 Command Workshops, I.E.M.E. in the final to be played on Tuesday.

THE TEAMS

HINDUSTAN AIRCRAFT: Desamuthu, MacBride and Archer; Muniratnam, Unnikrishnan and Veeraraghava, Unnikrishnan and Veeraraghavan, Natesh, Rajarao, Fitzgerald, Rajagopal and Domingo.

G. I. P. RAILWAY: Donnelly, Lal Mohammed and Nabi Shah, Mullae, Pyarilall and Quayyum, Krishnan, Fernandez, Doccarro, Munir Khan and Lyte.

DADACHANDJI HITS UP A CENTURY

Zoroastrian Cup Cricket

BOMBAY, Sunday.

The Young Zoroastrians won their Zoriastrian Cup tie against the Dadar Parsee Colony C.C. by seven wickets. After dismissing their opponents for the compartively small total of 66 runs, the Young Zaroastrians hit up the required number of runs for the loss of only three of their batsmen.

The following were the principal scores:—

Dadar Pasee Colony C.C. 66 (M. Mistry 21, M. Rajkotwalla 6 for 37).

Young Zoroastrians 69 for 3 wkts. (M. Rajkotwala 26, M. Irani not out 25).

In the other match also played today the Parsee Cyclists C.C. going in to bat first against the John Bright C. C. ran up the tall score of 342 for the loss of only six batsmen before declaring the innings closed. This big score was mainly due to 127 by R. M. Dadachandji. The John Bright side going in to bat had scored 105 for the loss of only four wickets.

The following are the principal scores:—

Parsee Cyclists C.C. 342 for 6 dec. (R.M. Dadachandji 127, D.F. Bhadha 34, H.M. Dadachandji not out 32, E.J. Billimoria 33). John Bright C.C. 105 for 4 (S. Havewalla batting 43, S. Irani batting 25, D.F. Bhadha 3 for 22).

B.B. & C.I. (ACCOUNTS) WIN EASILY

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Continuing their inning this morning the Accounts Department added 109 runs before they lost their seven remaining batsmen against the Traffic Department, in the B. B. & C. I. Railway Inter-Departmental Cricket Tournament for the Braysha Shield.

The Traffic side going in to bat were dismissed for 142 runs, leaving their opponents from the Accounts side clear winners by as many as 197 runs.

The following were the principal scores:—

B. B. & C. I. (Accounts) 339. B. B. & C. I. (Traffic) 142 (A. P. Oza 32, T. G. Despande 29, Almeida 5 for 18).

Bombay's Convincing Win Over Maharashtra

TAME EXHIBITION HOCKEY MATCH AT COOPERAGE

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Bombay XI scored a convincing win over Maharashtra by four goals to one in an exhibition match this evening at the Cooperage.

The match which was played with a view to selecting the Bombay team for the National Championships failed to come up to the high standard which was generally expected. This was due to the poor performance of the Maharashtra side who played far below form.

The start of the game was delayed by about 15 minutes due to late arrival of the two Dockyard players Ivor Abraham and C. Gomes.

Bombay took the initiative from the start and it was only after 12 minutes of play that they were able to open their account when R. Fernandes their inside left went through on his own and beat the rival goalkeeper with a reverse flick from an impossible angle. Immediately after Ivor Abraham added Bombay's second goal when he darted forward to a free-hit by Amir Kumar which was taken at the top of the circle and managed to steer it past Phillips in goal.

Five minutes later Woodcock netted the third goal from close in after trapping a free-hit by M. Vaz from the left. Then Maharashtra made one of their few breakaways and Bhatia sent in a hard drive from the top of the circle which was well saved by goalkeeper S. Menezes but he was penalised for sticks.

At the other end R. Lingham the Maharashtra left full back was injured when C. Gomes hit the ball into him when crossing it and he had to leave the field for necessary medical attention. Just before the end of the half Ivor Abraham notched Bombay's fourth goal with a first-times off a centre by C. Gomes.

After the interval Maharashtra with their full complement Lingham having resumed took over the offensive and kept the opposing defence quite busy for sometime and reduced the margin when Pillay converted a penalty bully which was awarded against Perumal for stopping the ball with his foot on the goal line and which Gentle took after being pointed out by Umpire Z. D'Silva.

Perumal was cautioned by Umpire F. Stevens for dangerous play.

KILLEDAR CUP

Bombay City 'B' were held to a goalless draw by Panchgani Pansies in the Killedar Cup Tournament despite extra time being played.

The match was a one-sided affair with the ball being confined to the Panchgani Pansies goal for long spells but stout-hearted work by the defence and in particular by goalkeeper Khorshed Desai who saved her side from a rout. It was a battle for supremacy between her and the City attack and from which she emerged with full honours.

JEPSEN CUP

Overseas Communication Service surprised the junior strong of St. Xavier's College by a solitary goal scored by G. Delgado in the Jepsen Cup tournament.

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S FIGURE SKATING

OSLO, Feb. 18 (PTI-Reuter)—Miss Aja Vazahova (Chechoslavakia) tonight won the European Women's Figure Skating Championship in which Miss Jeanette Altwegg (Britain) was second and Mlle. Jacqueline Du Bief (France) third.

RANGERS BOXING

Prince To-Night Dusty Miller Meets

BOMBAY, Sunday.

The organizers of the Rangers Club Boxing Tournament have once again produced an excellent programme which promises to be a feast of pugilism to boxing fans.

With the Royal Navy men from H.M.S. Mauritius being in full trim and with the appearance of Dusty Miller and Peter Prince local sportmen will not go home disappointed.

Ofcourse, mention must be made of our local navy boys who will also be matching gloves with picked civilians who have still to taste defeat this season.

Dusty Miller the former China-Burma-India middleweight champion and Western India Champion of 1945 makes his return to the ring after an absence of 4 years, and meets the reigning Ceylon and Western India welterweight champion Peter Prince in what should be a most interesting fight between two hard-hitters.

Another intriguing fight is that between F. Furtado of Tatas and Havelock Norris (Rangers) Both are hard-hitting lads and it is doubtful whether this fight will last the distance.

The following are the fights arranged for tomorrow:

T. Donnegan (Rangers) 128 lbs. vs. G. Rego (Tata) 133.

A. B. Bremner (RN) 136 lbs. vs. C. Carr (Rangers) 135.

A. B. Pae (RN) 141 lbs. vs. Tel. Waters (I Navy) 145.

Havildar Kelkar (Rangers) 108 vs. B. D'Sa (Petits) 111.

D. Shete (Rangers) 147 vs. L/S Rees (RN) 153.

A. B Krishnan (I. Navy) 110 vs. P. Khatau (Petits) 108.

A. B Krishnan (I. Novy) 110 vs. Sequiera (Dadar) 112.

D. Woods (Rangers) 108 vs. P. Khatau (Petits) 108.

F. Roquizino (BEST) 124 vs. M. Aaron (Maccabi) 124.

Stk/Mec Knowlayne (I. Navy) 112 vs. E. Kothare (Rangers) 110.

G. Vandergucht (Rangers) 114 vs. L/Stk Kapper (I Navy) 111.

L/EM Sharma (I Navy) 130 vs. N. Ballard (Rangers) 127

H. Norris (Rangers) 128 vs. F. Furtado (Tata) 133

Ron Willmer (Rangers) 140 vs. M. Carvalho (Dockyard) 137

Peter Prince (Rangers) 147 vs. Dusty Miller (Rangers) 157

Capt. Peter Skelton, the Senior Officer Royal Navy, Persian Gulf will preside.

The boxing will commence at 9 p.m. sharp at the North Stand, Brabourne Stadium. Tickets will be on sale at the

CERNIK AND JIMMY MEHTA CLAIM DOUBLES TITLE

Mrs. Todd And Miss Ingram Too Good For Miss Moran And Miss Khanna

BOMBAY, Sunday.

The men's as well as women's doubles finals of the Cricket Club of India Open Tennis Tournament were decided this afternoon, and before a moderate crowd, Vladimir Cernik and Jimmy Mehta won the title in three sets from Naresh Kumar and K. B. Madan, and Mrs. Patricia Todd in partnership with Miss Joan Ingram triumphed in the women's doubles final.

In contrast to yesterday's display in the semifinal round, Madan was off colour today, and it was mainly due to the heroic efforts of Naresh Kumar, who drove and served with great accuracy, that winners were extended to the third set.

Cernik and Mehta, who were playing with their usual confidence won the first set at the expense of only a solitary game. The next one they however dropped. In the deciding set, Cernik and Jimmy Mehta were seen to st very advantage, and they once again repeated the performance in the first set, and won it conceding a game.

The women's doubles final provided tennis of a very good standard, and assisted by the former Wightman Cup player Miss Joan Ingram, Mrs. Patricia Todd easily accounted for Miss "Gussie" Moran and Miss Pramila Khana. Miss Khanna, who only possesses a strong forehand drive, felt the necessity of having an all round game, when she was mercilessly attacked by her opponents. A feature of the final was the exceptionally high standard of game that Miss Joan Ingram showed the spectators.

Sam Bharucha, who faced Wasani in the junior's singles final, won the event easily, and gave his opponent one and four games in the two sets.

The following were the results:—

Men's Doubles

FINAL: V. Cernik and Jimmy Mehta beat Naresh Kumar and K. B. Mehta, 6-1, 5-7, 6-1.

Women's Doubles

FINAL: Mrs. Patricia Canning Todd and Miss Joan Ingram beat Miss Gertrude Moran and Miss Pramilla Khanna 6-4, 6-0.

Junior's Singles

FINAL: Sam Bharucha beat Wasani 6-1, 6-4.

FIXTURES FOR MONDAY

Court No. 1: 3-15 p.m. Men's Singles Final, Narendra Nath vs Naresh Kumar, followed by Mixed Doubles Final, Miss Gertrude Moran and Naresh Kumar vs Mrs. Patricia Canning Todd and Jimmy Mehta, followed by an Exhibition match between Mrs. Todd and Miss Moran and two leading Indian men players.

BOMBAY DOCKYARD ANNUAL ATHLETICS

R. Whyte Wins Championship

BOMBAY, Sunday.

R. Whyte was the outstanding athlete in the sixth Annual Athletic Meet of Indian Naval Dockyard; and stole the honours of the day by winning all the five events he entered, thus winning the Individual Championship for the year.

All the events were keenly contested and at the end Commodore H. R. Inigo Jones, C.I.E., R.N., the guest of honour, distributed the prizes.

The following are the complete results of the events held:

100 Metres Flat Race

C. Gomes 1. D. D'Souza 2. J. Abraham 3. Time: 11.7 Secs.

200 Metres Flat Race

C. Gomes 1. K. Lefebour 2. D. D'Souza 3. Time: 24.0 Secs.

400 Metres Flat Race

C. Furtado 1. C. Gomes 2. M. Verghis 3. Time: 56.0 Secs.

800 Metres Flat Race

C. Furtado 1 B. Pimenta 2. M. D'Souza 3. Time: 2 Mins: 11.0 Secs.

1,500 Metres Flat Race

C. Furtado 1. B. Pimenta 2. L. Cardozo 3 Time: 4 Mins. 24.0 Secs.

110 Metres Low Hurdles

D. C. Lobo 1. D. Choudhary 2. C. Rodricks 3. Time: 16.5 Secs.

Running High Jump

R. Whyte 1. B. Pimenta 2. R. Barboza 3. Height: 5 ft. 5-3/4 in.

Running Broad Jump

R. Whyte 1. C. Gomes 2. N. Verghis 3. Distance: 19 ft. 3 in.

Running Hop-Step and Jump

D. Munro 1. M. Verghis 2. H. Nicholls 3. Distance: 38 ft. 5 in.

Pole Vault

R. Whyte 1. J. D'Souza 2. B. Bimenta 3. Height: 9 ft. 7 in.

Putting the Shot

R. Whyte 1. Mahomed 2. H. Nicholls 3 Distance: 29 ft. 5-1/2 in.

Throwing the Cricket Ball

R. Whyte 1. J D'Mello 2. Saheb Khan 3 Distance: 301 ft. 2 in.

Throwing The Discus

W. Todd 1. E. Benges 2. A. Advani 3. Distance: 75 ft. 2 in.

Javeline Throw

Z. D'Mello 1. C. Furtado 2. M. Jaffri 3. Distance: 90 ft. 9-1/2 in.

1,500 Metres Cycle Race

E. J. Mistry 1. G. Wilson 2. H. D'Souza 3. Time: 2 Mins. 44.8 Secs.

800 Metres Cycle Race for Novices

H. D'Souza 1. J. Monterio 2. P. Compas 3. Time: 1 Min. 24.0 Secs.

4 x 100 Metres Relay Race

Dockyard Apprentice School 1 Engineering Department 2 Electric Department 3. Time: 47.5 Secs.

1,600 Metres Medley Relay Race

Engineering Department 1. Dockyard Apprentice School 2 Electrical Department 3. Time 3 Mins 58.0 Secs.

Tug Of War

Naval Store Department 1. Ministry of Defence Security Court 2.

Officials Race

G. Wilson 1. C. Cotton 2.

Hu-Tu-Tu

Engineering Department Winners. Captain Superintendent Department—Runners-up.

Football

Engineering Department Winners. Electrical Department—Runners-up.

Hockey

Dockyard Apprentice School—Winners—Engineering Department—Runners-up.

Cricket

Dockyard Apprentice School—Winners—Captain Superintendent Department—Runners-up.

Individual Championship was won by R. Whyte who scored 25 points by winning all the five events he entered.

The Team Championship went to Dockyard Apprentice School who scored 79 points, while Engineering Department was second with 74 points.

Argentine Polo Star Succumbs To Injuries

JAIPUR, Feb. 19 (PTI)—Mario Inchausppe, the Argentine polo player, died here this morning.

He was injured in a practice game here about a week ago.

First Royalty Wins Byculla Club Cup

DOMINATE WINS ON OBJECTION

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

BOMBAY, Sunday.

RICKABY timed a great effort on heavily supported First Royalty, half length winner in the attraction, the Byculla Club Cup run over 1-3/4 Miles today at Mahalaxmi.

Pravina went into the lead soon after flagfall and led the field by a street at midway. The winner trailed the field till the seven but Rickaby was not in despair. He nursed his mount very cleverly and drew her out a furlong from home to beat Barodaowned Diesel. Rana Pratap and his stable companion, Pramila placed third and fourth respectively.

The chief of Kagal Memorial Cup, the side attraction in the card saw Crystal shouldering 9 stones 13 pounds win by half a length from Paper King who was finishing resolutely at the end and Spring Chicken was returned easy winner of the Coloba Cup late in the evening.

Two objections were raised during the day's proceedings. At first in the second division of the Jennings Plate the objection raised by Kheem Singh, rider of second-placed Pelion against facile winner Sir Galhad was overruled. Panditji passed the winning post a length infront of Dominate and a further head behind was Lira Malt in the last event, the first division of the Jenings Plate. Purtu Singh and Kheem Singh, riders of the second and third horse lodged an objection against the winner who had cut across them sharply below the distance. The stewards arrive at a quick decision and the race was awarded to Dominate. Lira Malt was placed second and Panditji lowered to third place

Only five punters solved todays treble pool. Each ticket returned Rs. 25156-8-0.

The following are the results:—

THE ANAND PLATE—6 Furs. (Div. II).

PARDESI 8-12 S. Chavan	.. 1
GUN DRILL 8-12 Damodar	.. 2
ALI JANAB 8-12 Kheem S.	.. 3
LIBERATOR 8-12 Devaney	.. 4

2-1/2, Shd., 3/4.
Time: 1 min. 17 3-5 secs.
Not run— Guest of Honour, Jasdan Star.
Brackets: Guest of Honour, Ali Janab.
Tote Win Rs. 27, and Rs. 14, Rs. 30, Rs. 22.

THE ANAND PLATE—6 Furs. (Div. I).

GOLD STREET 8-12 P. Khade	.. 1
THE DUKE 8-12 Kheem S.	.. 2
HANGOVER 8-12 Purtu S.	.. 3
GREEK STAR 8-12 Duffy	.. 4

3/4, 1-1/2, Shd.
Time: 1 min. 17 secs.
Not run— Arrak, Sunny Island, Aapke Sevame, Sajan.
Brackets: Bessemer, Pet Hand. S. Island, Aapke Sevame, Kiyababa.
Tote Win Rs. 75, and Rs. 14 Rs. 11, Rs. 14.

THE MATUNGA PLATE—1-1/2 Miles.

JAI MALHAR 7-2 Devaney	.. 1
GIPSY BILL 8-12 Purtu S.	.. 2
KOTIDHWAJ 9-6 Damodar	.. 3
RAJAJI 7-12 Ghaus Khan	.. 4

Nk., Shd., 1.
Time. 2 mins. 45 secs.
Not run— Odds Again, Kabir, Chrissie Darling, Toto, Cr. de Chine, Jahan Jaib, Kiss Miss, Malka-E-Alam.
Brackets: Armina, Odds Again.
Tote Win Rs. 132, and Rs. 36, Rs. 25, Rs. 44.

THE C. JENNINGS PLATE—1-1/4 Miles. (Div. II).

SIR GALALAD 8-3 Shaikh	.. 1
PELION 8-12 Kheem S.	.. 2
BIHARI 8-3 J Bhosle	.. 3
MACK 8-8 Damodar	.. 4

2-1- 2, Nk., Nk.
Time: 2 mins. 8 2-5 secs.
All ran.
Brackets: Pan Supari, Filmindia.
Tote Win Rs. 79, and Rs. 23, Rs. 15, Rs. 57.

THE BYCULLA CLUB CUP.

FIRST ROYALTY 9-11 Rickaby	.. 1
DIESEL 10-8 S Chavan	.. 2
RANA PRATAP 7-13 Duffy	.. 3
PRAMILA 7-7 P. Knaae	.. 4

1 2, 2-1 2, 3.
Time: 3 mins. 4 1-5 secs.
Not run— Billet Doux.
Brackets: Nil.
Tote Win Rs 26, and Rs 12, Rs 14, Rs. 17

THE MANAVADAR PLATE—7 Furs.

MADURI 8-9 Medhe	.. 1
DOORANI 8-11 Rickaby	.. 2
MY PET 8-9 Duffy	.. 3
NEW MOON 9-3 P Khade	.. 4

1-1 4, 1-1 2, Shd
Time 1 min. 28 3-5 secs
Not run— Full House, Pankaj.
Brackets: Nil
Tote Win Rs. 452 and Rs 74, Rs 32, Rs. 32

THE CHIEF OF KAGAL MEMORIAL PLATE—7 Furs.

CRYSTAL 9-12 S. Chavan	.. 1
PAPER KING 7-10 P Khade	.. 2
ZAM ZAM 7-8 Whiteside	.. 3
KINDERSON 9-10 Rickaby	.. 4

1-2, 1-3 4, 1-1 4
Time: 1 min 27 secs
All ran.
Brackets: Kinderson Golden Past, Zam Zam, Liberty Belle
Tote Win Rs 28 and Rs 13, Rs. 16, Rs. 17.

THE COLABA CUP—1-1/4 Miles.

SPRING CHICKEN 8-3 Duffy	.. 1
AAN BAAN 8-8 Kheem S.	.. 2
PROSPERO 8-1 P Khade	.. 3
CHOCOLATE BABY 9-1 Rickaby	.. 4

1-1/4, 1/2, 1/2.
Time: 2 mins 9 secs
Not run— Adeline, Tisco, Masquerade, Blue Lotus, Pay Master, D. Kid.
Brackets: Nil.
Tote Win Rs. 78, and Rs. 24, Rs. 17, Rs. 16.

THE C. JENNINGS PLATE—1-1/4 Miles. (Div. I).

DOMINATE 8-7 Rurtu S.	.. 1
LIRA MALT 8-9 Kheemsingh	.. 2
PANDITJI 8-7 Sk. Ahmed	.. 3
RIVIERA 8-4 P Khade	.. 4

Not run— Saita, Lerins.
Brackets: Nil.
Tote Win Rs. 42, and Rs. 13, Rs. 11, Rs. 17
Treble Pool paid Rs. 25,156-8-0
Tickets 5.

PURSHOTAM SHIELD CRICKET

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Three centuries, all unbeaten, characterised the opening day's play in the Purshotam Shield Cricket Tournament which commenced this morning. Rege of Naik's Merrymakers was the highest scorer of the day with 155 against Sind Hindus. The other two to whom the honour of scoring three figure scores, were P. B. Dharadhar and D. G. Makhija of the Regal Sports Club. The latter two were concerned in an unfinished fourth-wicket stand of 214 runs, before their side's innings was declared. Many fine bowling performances were also witnessed, outstanding among them being that of 6 for 29 by Tendley of Young Social Cricket Club.

The following were the principal scores of the four matches played today, each of which resulted in first innings victory for the respective winners.

Pathare Prabhu C. C. beat Young Social C. C. by 14 runs

Pathare Prabhu C. C. 139 (P. C. Patel 36, D. D. Wagh 25, Tendley 6 for 29). Young Social C. C. 125 (R. M. Tendley 39, I. S. Gidh 22, Patel P. C. 3 for 34, D. D. Wagh 4 for 36, Edekar 3 for 26).

Regal Sports Club beat P. J. Hindu Gymkhana "A" by 233 runs

Regal S. C. 295 for 3 wkts. declared (D. G. Makhija not out 117, P. B. Dharadhar not out 100, P. J. Rao 32). P. J. Hindu Gym. "A" 72 (S. V. Shah 24, D. G. Makhija 5 for 32, B. V. Thakore 3 for 6).

Naik's Merrymakers C. C. beat Sind Hindus C. C. by 156 runs

Naik's Merrymakers C. C. 275 for 6 dec. (Rege not out 155 Dalvi 46, Parsram 4 for 45). Sind Hindus S. C. 119 (Parsram 42, Nanik not out 29, S. W. Sohoni 5 for 31).

Bharat C. C. beat Friends C. C. by 27 runs

Bharat C. C. 153 (Arun Kerker 75, S. L. Jai 5 for 45). Friends C. C. 126 M. B. Mehta 28, V. S. Lajmi 5 for 42, P. B. Jukar 3 for 26).

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Cooperage:
4-30 p.m. Catholic Gymkhana vs. Lever S. C. (Jepsen Cup)
5-40 p.m. St. Xavier's College vs. Grey's 'D' (Killedar Cup).

BOXING

Brabourne Stadium, North Stand
9 p.m. Rangers Club Tournament.

TENNIS

C. C. I. Courts
3-15 p.m. Men's Singles final, mixed doubles final and Exhibition match.

St. Xavier's College Grounds, Parel
4-10 p.m. Blue Wizards 'A' vs. Young Comrades "B".
5-15 p.m. Dockyard 'A' vs. Avery Club.

Flood Control Dam Completed In Orissa

PROGRESS OF FOOD DRIVE IN STATES

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19, (PTI).

FORMATION of more anti-erosion co-operative societies in the Punjab and completion of a flood control dam in Orissa are the highlights of the food production activities in the States presently.

According to the latest reports received by the Central Ministry of Agriculture, Madhya Bharat held a series of cultivators rallies throughout the State in an effort to associate them with the 'Grow More Food' campaign.

During December, 1949, the Punjab Government formed four more anti-erosion societies, bringing the total number of societies so far formed to 467 and widening the area covered by them to 71,310 acres of land in all. The activities of the societies include contour trenching, terracing etc.

In Orissa, the embankment completed at the cost of Rs. eleven lakhs is expected to protect an area of sixty-four miles from floods and ensure a good paddy crop.

By the end of last year, Punjab reclaimed an area of 84,870 acres of waste land. During December, a total quantity of 23,314 mds. of pure wheat seeds were distributed.

In Bihar, during December, a sum of Rs. 47,451 as land improvement loans was advanced to the cultivators and 1697 acres of land were taken possession of under the Waste Land Reclamation Act bringing the progressive total of the land thus taken to 15,819 acres. In Madhya Bharat, 2800 acres of new lands were allotted for cultivation during the same fortnight.

In Saurashtra, the Government are giving tractors to private cultivators and co-operative societies on a hire-purchase basis. Committees up to village levels have been formed to provide impetus to the 'Grow-More-Food' campaign.

MINOR WORKS

West Bengal took up eleven small irrigation schemes during the fortnight ended January 15, 1950 and sanctioned another 146. Twentyfour Persian wheels were sold.

During the same period, 232 minor irrigation works were started in the Travancore and Cochin Union, of which thirtyone were completed. In Madhya Bharat, the construction of fortythree irrigation wells was undertaken and thirty pump sets were installed. The PEPSU Government repaired sixty wells and took up construction of fiftytwo new ones.

The Government of Bombay have sanctioned a scheme for distribution of additional quantity of 15,500 tons of cattle dung manure from Bombay sub-area. The Government have also drawn up a priority list for distribution of iron and cement for agricultural purposes.

CANCER HOSPITAL IN CALCUTTA

Dr. Katju's Appeal

CALCUTTA, Feb. 19 (PTI)—Dr. Kailash Nath Katju, Governor of West Bengal, today appealed to all friends of the poor and distressed to donate generously for the Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital of Calcutta.

The hospital was opened by Madame Curie the French physicist, in January last.

METAL SHEETS FOR BERLIN DETAINED

Protest To Russia

BERLIN, Feb. 19 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Soviet Zone Police on the outskirts of Berlin detained eight West German lorries talking lead, copper and tin-plate sheeting to the city, Western Police announced today.

Since the beginning of January, East Zone Police have detained many vehicles carrying scrap metal out of Berlin to the West and in several cases confiscated the cargoes.

Today's incident was the first time when the goods had been detained at the Babelsberg checkpoint on their way into Berlin.

The Western Allies protested to the Russians on February 11 against a "systematic attempt" to prevent the removal of scrap from Berlin.

A British spokesman said there was a severe metal shortage in the Soviet Zone, caused by heavy reparations to Russia and compulsory exports of scrap to Poland and Czechoslovakia.

SERIOUS 'QUAKES IN JAPAN SOON

Seismologists Warn

TOKYO, Feb. 19 (PTI-Reuter): Japanese seismologists warned today that there might soon be a serious earthquake in Northern Japan. They based their theory on the recent activity of voleanoes in the area.

Parties from the Tokyo University Seismological Research Institute's Meteorological observatory and Tohoku University have in the past few days been studying the activity of Mount Azuma.

Mount Azuma last erupted 50 years ago. Mount Takemama on the Akita Nigata border, and Mount Kurikoma, in the same chain of mountains as Azuma, erupted several times last year.

GOODS WITHELD IN TRANSIT

Tea Planters Hit By Pakistan's Action

JALPAIGURI, Feb. 19 (UPI): Incoming and outcoming consignments of goods worth about Rs. 50,00,000 belonging to tea concerns and trading firms of this area are reported to have been withheld by Pakistan while in transit through that territory since Indo-Pakistan transport deadlock, according to a survey by officials here.

The detained consignments include various categories of tea gardens stores, coal, machineries and parts, food-stuffs, tea, jute, kerosene oil, petrol, etc., it is further learnt that one entire special goods train of Indian Tea Planters' Association which had started from Calcutta towards Ilguri immediately before deadlock was detained in Pakistan. This goods special was also carrying new oil engines imported by some tea companies for urgent replacement of their worn out power plants.

Marxist Forward Bloc's Plenary Session

LUDHIANA, Feb. 19 (UPI)—The fifth plenary session of the All India Forward Bloc would be held at Ludhiana on June 23, 24 and 25 next under the chairmanship of General Mohan Singh, Chairman, All India Forward Bloc.

This decision was taken at a meeting of the Central Executive of the All India Forward Bloc (Marxist) which met here yesterday, Gen. Mohan Singh presiding.

The Executive Committee expressed its great concern at the recrudescence of communal disturbance of communal disturbances in the two Bengals. It urged upon the people of East and West Bengal to fight out all the "vested" efforts at communal disharmony tooth and nail, keeping the ideal of communal concord achieved by Netaji.

700 Forged Coal Permits Seized

KANPUR, Feb. 19 (PTI)—Seven hundred forged permits of coal were reported to have been seized today by the police from the possession of a milk dealer. Four persons including a police constable have been arrested in connection with the seizure.

700,000 INDIANS IN MALAYA

Migration Declines

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19 (PTI)—A study of Indian migration to Malaya in the present century and the role of Indians in that country's economy form the subject of a publication "Indians in Malayan economy" just issued by the Economic Adviser to the Government of India.

The publication estimates the total investment of Indian Chettiars in Malaya at Rs. 17 crores and the total number of Indians there at 700,000.

The peak period of Indian immigration into Malaya was the decade between 1911-20. During that period 90,000 Indians arrived each year in Malaya. The rubber and tin industries which form the twin foundations of Malaya's prosperity have been developed almost wholly by immigrants.

Indian migration to Malaya declined rapidly in the thirties and virtually stopped in 1938 when the Government of India prohibited emigration of unskilled workers from India. Skilled labourers are still going in small numbers and the percentage of Indians permanently settled in that country has been continuously increasing in the last two decades.

ATTEMPT ON NIGERIAN OFFICIAL

LAGOS, Feb. 19 (PTI-Reuter): An unknown assailant with a knife was seized yesterday as he tried to stab Mr. Hugh Mackintosh Foot, Chief Secretry to the Nigerian Government.

Messengers saw the man coming up behind the Chief Secretary with a naked blade in his hand and tried to overpower him.

The man escaped.

The police were today trying to track him down.

State Must Be Impartial To Trade Unions

NAGPUR, Feb. 19 (PTI)—The President of the British Trade Union Congress, Mr. Herbert Bullock, today appealed to the Government and the Trade Union movement in India to adhere strictly to the ways of "democratic industrialism" without which, he said, there could be no industrial peace.

Mr. Bullock, accompanied by Mr. J. Owen, General Secretary of the National Union of Blast-Furnacemen, arrived here by air from Calcutta today.

After meeting groups of workers belonging to the Hind Mazdoor Sabha and the INTUC and visiting the manganese mine-areas and the textile mills in Nagpur, Mr. Bullock is leaving for Hyderabad tomorrow morning.

Mr. Bullock and Mr. Owen attended the Asian Regional Conference of the ILO in Ceylon last month and they are now on a goodwill mission to India and Pakistan.

UNFAIR

Mr. Bullock said at a press conference here today: "It has been stressed by many Indian colleagues that the various State Governments and inde the Central Government are recognising some unions and ignoring others. If this is so, then it is manifestly unwise and unfair. Governments should always be impartial in these matters; otherwise, the country is in no way democratic. India claims to be democratic, then let its Government act accordingly. They make the law, they have the forces of law and order at their command. Why not let the workers exercise choice as to which union they should join? Only in this way can there be any semblance of industrial peace.

"To the trade unions", Mr. Bullock added, "we would say, Close your ranks, stop quarrelling with each other. Remember the workers. Welfare is more important than all your pettifogging differences."

CONDUCT RESEARCH IN INDIAN HERBS

Industry Minister's Call To Ayurvedic Congress

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19, (PTI).

THE thirty-seventh annual session of the All India Ayurvedic Congress opened here today with a call by the Industry Minister Dr. S. P. Mookerjee for "a more intensified research in Indian herbs".

"Treasures lie hidden in Indian herbs and medicinal plants", he said. "Research can do a lot by unearthing those treasures not only for India's sake but for the sake of the entire world".

Inaugurating the three-day session of the Congress, Dr. Mookerjee said hundreds of years ago when countries of the west were steeped in ignorance, Indian medical experts discovered a correct scientific approach to the great problem of human disease. "It has been proved beyond doubt that the system of Ayurveda travelled from India to distant lands— to Egypt, to Arabia, to Rome and other places. It would not be wrong to say that our system laid the foundation—may be in an indirect way— of the very system of western medicine of which the world is so proud".

Over 600 delegates from all over India— some of them well-known experts in the Ayurvedic system— attended the session which was presided over by Mr. Tricumji Jadhavji.

BE TOLERANT

Pleading for a spirit of tolerance towards all systems of medicine, both indigenous and foreign, Dr. Mookerjee said there was no need for rivalry among them.

After all, he added, every system had the same objectives namely to cure disease and serve humanity.

"There is no harm in allowing different systems to function in this country", he said. "Equal opportunity should be given to all to develop and the doctrine of the survival of the fittest must be allowed a free play".

On the question of recognition of the Ayurvedic system by the Government the Minister said no Government could refuse "reasonable demands from any quarter." If you stand united and make people realise that your approach to the health problem is rational and scientific, the recognition is bound to come".

Tracing the history of the system, Mr. Mookerjee referred to its eclipse during the Muslim and the British rules and said the ayurvedic system had to be revived mainly because it was still serving nearly 80 per cent of the Indian population. Another reason for encouraging it was its cheapness which fitted in well with the economic condition of the Indian masses.

NEW TASKS

Dr. Mookerjee urged the "vaids" all over the country to stand united in this transitional period in the history of Ayurveda. He stressed the need for undertaking greater research, raising the standard of education in schools and colleges of Indian medicine and formulating "certain basic principles for the system on which you can base your claim for the recognition by the Government".

Messages wishing the Congress success were read out from the President Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Prime Minister Pandit Nehru, Health Minister Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, and the Governors and Chief Ministers of different Provinces.

Mr. Tricumji Jadhavji, in his presidential speech, pleaded for the implementation of the recommendations of the Chopra Committee by setting up a separate directorate in the Health Ministry to promote the interests of indigenous systems.

"With the dawn of freedom", he said, tasks await the nation and the vaids who are prepared to play their part in the urgent task of rebuilding national health. Although the Congress during the last 37 years of its life failed to get recognition for Ayurveda, it looks forward now to a change in the outlook and policies of the Government which is no longer alien".

Earlier in the day, Mr. R. R. Diwarkar, Minister of State for Information and broadcasting declared open the All-India Ayurvedic Exhibition organised by the Congress.

RADIO TELEPHONE FOR TRAINER AIRCRAFT

Experts' Recommendations

BOMBAY, Sunday.

TRAINER aircraft of the Bombay Flying Club are expected to be fitted with radio-telephone equipment to maintain air-ground communications between the pilot in the air and the Juhu Flying Control. This proposal which is said to be first of its kind in India has been recommended by a five-man aviation experts committee in Bombay.

The Committee headed by Rana D. Shumshere Jung Bahadur, Controller of Aerodromes of the Western region, was set up by the Directorate-General of Civil Aviation for the purpose of recommending conditions under which flying training in Bombay may continue to be imparted at the Juhu airport situated one mile west of Santa Cruz airport. This was necessitated by the fact that the air traffic at the Santa Cruz airport has been steadily increasing and it was therefore desirable to restrict practice flying and training in the vicinity of the airport.

The Committee which includes Squadron Leader K. J. Bhore, General Manager of Air-India and Air-India International, Wing Commander W. H. Burbury, General Manager of the Air Services of India, Mr. A. C. P. Wadia, President of the Bombay Flying Club, and Mr. R. L. Peck, present Chief Instructor of the Bombay Flying Club, has submitted its report to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation.

VHF EQUIPMENT

The report recommends the setting up of a special type of very high frequency radio-telephone equipment at the Juhu Flying Control for the exclusive use of club planes—Chipmunk and Tiger Moth—which are to be fitted with the radio-telephone apparatus in order that they could keep constant radio-communications with the flying control. This equipment will be very useful to keep a control on aircraft which are in flight for exercises and more so in the eventuality of the pilot experiencing any difficulty.

The report stressed the need for a direct telephone between the flying control and the Chief Instructor of the Bombay Flying Club so that any special instructions may be passed on to the pilot of the aircraft on flight.

Among other recommendations of the committee are that a trainer aircraft should not fly higher than a pre-determined altitude when low cloud conditions prevail, that it should observe circuit regulations while flying in the neighbourhood of the two airports—Juhu and Santa Cruz—and that the Club air craft should be painted in a distinctive colour in order to distinguish them easily from other planes.

FLYING SOLO

The report also lays down conditions under which trainees can fly solo for the first few hours of their training under bad weather conditions. An area away from the Juhu airport should be selected for flying training in connection with force-landing and other low flying exercises.

During the last year there was a proposal that the Bombay Flying Club should transfer its activities to Kalyan, 35 miles north of Bombay where an up-to-date landing ground constructed during the war is available. This proposal was later abandoned and the experts committee was set up to consider advisibility of continuing flying training at the Juhu airport.

IMPLEMENTATION

Some of the proposals of the Committee are being implemented by the Directorate of the Civil Aviation, while others such as the question of circuit regulations and flying "ceiling" are under consideration.

Orders are said to have been placed abroad for VHF apparatus for Juhu Flying Control and Bombay Flying Club.

In deciding to retain Juhu airport for imparting flying training (aviation authorities are understood to have been guided by the practice prevailing at other well-known airport sabroad, such as the Hong Kong airport, where civil and military aircraft operate freely without being interferred with or hampered by the activities of the flying club which is also located there.

Kanpur Sugar Workers' Case

MATTER REFERRED FOR ADJUDICATION

KANPUR, Feb. 19 (P.T.I.): The Labour Commissioner of Uttar Pradesh has entrusted Mr. J. Prasad, Conciliation Officer, Kanpur, with the adjudication of the issue arising out of retrenchment in the sugar factories in the State.

Mr. Prasad will adjudicate whether the 30 sugar factories in Uttar Pradesh had wrongfully retrenched, or terminated without justification, the services of their workmen and if so what relief the workmen concerned were entitled to. He had been entrusted with the work consequent upon the death of Mr. H. C. Joshi, Regional Conciliation Officer. Mr. Prasad has already started work in this connection at Lucknow where preliminary sittings are taking place

The cases referred to Mr. Prasad formed one of the issues on which the Indian National Sugar Workers Federation gave a strike notice last month.

CENSUS OF SUGAR WORKERS

Shibban Lal Saxena To Participate

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19 (UPI): Prof. Shibban Lal Saksena, Member of Parliament who is on a "fast unto death" at Rajghat, since yesterday evening to get the demands of the sugar workers of the U.P. and Bihar accepted by the Government, announced that he would participate in the census of sugar workers between March 3 and March 15, next, though the census would be held under the supervision of the Labour Commissioner and not of a High Court Judge, which he demanded and the Congress President also suggested. He, however, suggested that instead of the coloured boxes system, for the census, the system of making cross mark in the ballot-papers should be adopted.

COMPLAINTS

There had been complaints on former occasion, he added, that ballot-boxes in the coloured boxes system were tampered with and ballot-papers from one box were put into the other and there was no check to such complaints.

As it was proposed, he said, that the counting should be done before the Labour Commissioner at Kanpur, where all the boxes for the distant factories would be collected, such complaints might be made again.

"In view of the fact that the supervision by a High Court judge has not been granted, it is essential that this system should be adopted, so that complaints about corrupt practices may be checked", he added.

Prof. Saxena also protested against the disfranchisement of the 17 categories of workers in sugar factories who were generally known as the supervisory staff. He urged that they should have the right to choose the organisation by which they wished to be represented.

U.P. Sugar Workers Federation

LUCKNOW, Feb. 19 (UPI): The third annual session of the U.P. and Behar Sugar Mills Workers' Federation will be held at Bara Chakia (Behar) on March 22 and 23. Shri Asoka Mehta, General Secretary, Hind Mazdoor Sabha, will inaugurate the Conference. Shri Jayprakash Narayan will address the Conference.

DRAFTING UNIFORM AIR REGULATIONS

PARIS, Feb. 18 (PTI-Reuter): Civil aviation experts of 56 nations in conference here next week will attempt to draft uniform air regulations in place of the different national systems now in force, an official spokesman said today.

The conference is the third session of the Meteorological Division of the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

It began on February 14 to work out a universal airline weather forecast scheme.

Next week, the conference also is expected to discuss airport conditions and the weather observation station system.

"BRITISH" PASSPORTS FOR AUSTRALIANS

New Government's Decision

SYDNEY, Feb. 19 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The new Australian Liberal Government is to reverse an order by Mr. J. B. Chiefley's Labour Government and restore the word "British" to passports issued to Australians.

Mr. Harold Holt, Immigration Minister, said today that the title British passport would be restored to the cover of Australian passports from July 1, next.

The British title was removed and substituted by "Australian Passport" by the Labour Government which was swept from office at the end of last year.

Mr. Holt said his Government had received many complaints that difficulties were caused by the present title.

The change, he said, would mean that Australians abroad would more readily be accorded recognition not only as Australians but as British subjects.

He added that the change could not be effected immediately because of the necessity to reprint passports and distribute them to passport officials throughout the world.

Press To Say The Truth, And Nothing But It

THE PRESIDENT'S ADVICE

NEW DELHI Feb 19. (PTI).

PRESIDENT RAJENDRA PRASAD today advised journalists, Indian and foreign, to be "perfectly honest and careful" in presenting news. He wanted them "not to mitigate or exaggerate, but to say the truth and nothing but the truth".

The President was entertained to lunch by the Press Association and Foreign Correspondents Association in the capital.

Mr. R. R. Diwakar, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting himself a journalist, was among the guests. Over seventy Indian and foreign correspondents were present.

Dr. Prasad said that the new constitution gave adult franchise at one jump to millions of men and women in this country and it was for the press to tell the 160 million voters, who would participate on the elections which would be taking place in another year or so, what their duties were and how to discharge them.

THREE CLASSES

"In this audience", he went on, "there are three classes of journalists those who are conducting journals in English in this country, those who are conducting journals in the Indian languages and those who represent the foreign press. I think each class has certain distinct functions to perform.

"Those who conduct journals in the English language have to cater not only to the needs of the people of this country but, to a certain extent, they also represent this country before other countries.

Those who conduct journals in the Indian languages have the biggest audience that any newspaper can have in the masses of this vast land. Their duties and responsibilities are even greater than the responsibilities of those who conduct journals in the English language, because their audience consists of people who have not had the same amount of instruction in public affairs as those who read the English journals. Their duties, are all the more onerous.

ADVICE

"The other class of journalists are those who represent the foreign journals. They have to interpret us to their own constituents in the way they think best. My appeal to these three classes of journalists is that whatever their views may be—I think it is foolish to expect that all journals will think alike—so far as the news is concerned they should be perfectly honest and careful and not mitigate or exaggerate, but say the truth and nothing but the truth (cheers).

"We cannot expect more than that and we do not want them to do anything more than that (more cheers). So far as our country is concerned, I feel certain that if all the journals do that part of their work, whether they serve in India or serve audiences elsewhere, they will have done the best that you can expect of them.

ALL THE MORE

"The responsibility of those who represent foreign journals in that respect is even greater because they have to send news to distant places where if any wrong thing is said, there is nobody to contradict them or correct, them. Therefore, they owe it all the more to themselves, to their clientele and to us to be as careful as possible in collecting their news, in verifying it and in putting it in words which are most suitable from their point of view. I hope you will respond to my appeal".

Dr. Prasad said amidst laughter that he did not wish to say more, as he could not claim even to be a novice in the line

The President spent an hour and half with the presamen and was introduced to every correspondent.

Sir Usha Nath Sen, President of the Press Association, welcoming Dr. Prasad on behalf of the both the organisations, assured him that the press would discharge its responsibilities with loyalty and devotion to its high ideals.

AMERICAN MARKETS

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, Feb 18.

March	32.33
May	32.53
July	32.04
October	29.73
Middling Spot	33.16

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

NEW YORK, Feb 18

March	31.85
May	32.21
July	31.85
October	29.61
Middling Spot	32.15

New York Cotton March highest 32.33 at 11.31 hrs: Lowest 32.24 at 10.09 hrs.

STOCKS

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.

American Telephone and Telegraph	149-5/8
Amerex Holding Co.	34-1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining	29-3/4
Chase National Bank	38-1/2
Firestone Tyre	60-1/8
General Electric	46
General Motors	76-1/8
Ingersoll Rand	67 bid
International Nickel	27-7/8
National City Bank	46-7/8
New York Central Rail Road	13
Sinclair Oil	22-1/2
Socony Vacuum Corp.	16
Texas Corp.	61
Union Carbide	42-7/8
US Smelting and Refining	38
US Steel Common	30-3/8
Western Union "A"	20-1/2

Volume of business on the New York Stock Exchange was 1,050,000 shares. Highest and lowest US Steel trading prices were 30-1/2 and 30-1/4 respectively.

London silver and gold and stock closed.

LONDON EXCHANGES

LONDON, Feb. 18.

London exchanges unchanged.

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, Feb 18.

March	2 20-5/8
May	2.10
July	1.91
September	1.91-5/8

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THE MOVE NOW IS WITH U. N.

Gurmani On Kashmir

ALL FACTS ARE BEFORE SECURITY COUNCIL

LONDON, Feb. 19, (PTI-Reuter).

NAWAB M. A. Gurmani, Pakistan's Ambassador at Large, said here today there now seemed to be no reason why the United Nations Security Council should postpone or delay its decision on the Kashmir dispute.

Nawab Gurmani, who arrived here today on his way back to Karachi from New York where he attended Security Council discussions on the Kashmir question, added: "The Security Council has now all the data on the matter. Both the parties to the dispute have stated in unequivocal terms that they stand by the agreed solution of the Kashmir problem as embodied in the resolution of the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan of August 13, 1948 and January 5, 1949.

"The task before the Security Council now is to resolve the differences that have arisen regarding the interpretation of the provisions relating to the Truce Agreement in these resolutions."

NOT DIFFICULT

Nawab Gurmani said the Security Council had before it the report of the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan difference.

"The Security Council also has the report of its own Canadian Chairman, General McNaughton who was entrusted with the task of resolving these differences through negotiation and discussions with the representatives of India and Pakistan.

"General McNaughton's proposals and the Kashmir Commission's resolutions as clarified in their third interim report are basically in conformity with each other, and it should therefore not be difficult for the Security Council to arrive at definite conclusions."

Nawab Gurmani said he trusted the Security Council would be able to pronounce its decision on these points "in clear terms".

STEAMERS BETWEEN THE BENGALS

Deadlock Ends

DHUBRI, Feb. 19 (UPI): After about two months' detention of all downwards and upwards steamers with consequent deadlock of bookings, steamer companies have, it is learnt, again been asked to ply steamers between East and West Bengal.

It is understood that this has been achieved as a result of an Indo-Pakistan Conference with steamer companies in Calcutta wherein the steamers are reported to have been distributed for meeting the needs of the respective country.

It is further learnt that jute, tea and timber, including soft wood as priority cargoes would be carried from Assam for India. On the other hand Pakistan boats carrying bamboo and timber since detained in Assam, are likely to be released in a day or two.

BUDDHIST RELICS FOR EASTERN BURMA

RANGOON, Feb. 19 (PTI-Reuter): Saplings of the Bo tree and other sacred Buddhist relics brought from India and Ceylon are to be taken to Karenni State, in Eastern Burma, which has practically been cleared of the rebels.

Burmese President Sao Shwe Taike, Prime Minister Thakin Nu and other Cabinet Ministers are to pay an official visit to the State and a big reception is being planned for them by the local population, it is reported here.

The State—which with exception of the Mawchi mines area—has been cleared of rebels, is to be renamed "Kayar" in accordance with the wishes of the people.

COLOMBO, Feb. 19 (PTI-Reuter): Dr. Phillip Jessup, American Ambassador at Large, arrived here by air from Madras today to confer with Ceylon Government officials. He was accompanied by J. C. Satterhwhite, American Ambassador to Ceylon. Dr. Jessup will see Prime Minister Don Senanayake to morrow.

PAKISTAN IS IN GOOD SHAPE

Zafrullah Satisfied

BOSTON, Feb. 19 (PTI-Reuter)—Pakistan Government despite its difficulties, was in "fairly good shape, with a balanced budget", Sir Zafrullah Khan, Pakistan Foreign Affairs Minister, told students of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy here.

In the Fletcher School audience were seven Pakistan students who are among the first career diplomats to be chosen by the Government of Pakistan for its newly established diplomatic service.

Another member of Sir Zafrullah's party, Mohammed Ali, Secretary-General of Pakistan, addressed a Seminar of Harvard students in the University's Widener library.

"One of our main problems", he said, "is that we are too much an agricultural country. Most farmers can produce only enough to provide for themselves. "Because of this, we are badly in need of capital, and must find ways to raise it. The Russians, who also started as a primarily agricultural people, raised it by lowering the standards of living of their people. We neither wish nor intend to do this."

HAPPENINGS IN EAST BENGAL

Let The World Know, Says Mr. Sen

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 19 (PTI).

Pandit Shivanath Katju, President of Ahiyapur Ward Congress Committee at a public meeting here called upon the Government of India to act immediately to tackle the problems facing the Hindus in East Bengal. The situation there, he said, to be full of dangerous potentialities.

The meeting urged upon the Government of India to do their utmost "to alleviate the sufferings and hardships of the victims in East Bengal and help them out of their present helplessness and insecurity".

Mr. P.K. Sen, News Editor of Amrita Bazar Patrika (Allahabad) said that the whole country—north to south and east to west—should raise its voice to make the world understand the affairs going on in East Pakistan. The West Bengal papers, he added, were unable to give the true picture of what was happening in East Bengal. He appealed to the Press to do the right duty for the cause of the suffering minorities there.

The meeting, in a resolution said that East Bengal Government was "directly or indirectly encouraging a deliberate policy to squeeze the minority out from their territory.

DISTURBANCES HAVE NO MASS BACKING

Dr. Ghosh Asks Refugees To Return Home

CALCUTTA, Feb. 19 (PTI)—Dr. Prafulla Chandra Ghosh, Member, Congress Working Committee and President of the Central Peace Committee, told a meeting of refugees at the Rajabazar Market today that a handful of anti-social elements were responsible for the recent disturbances in the city and they had no mass backing. As conditions were returning to normal he asked them to go back to their respective homes.

Volunteers of the Central Peace Committee continued touring round the different affected localities.

SOCIAL WELFARE DAY

February 20, 1950

It is barely three weeks since India has been declared a Republic. As citizens of an Independent country, social workers have a great duty to penform - viz., to provide content to political democracy and to strengthen its foundations. In an atmosphere of economic depression, as at present, the role of the social worker in promotion of social welfare assumes vital importance.

It is, therefore, significant that the observance of the Social Welfare Day has come to stay. Last year, I am glad to state, we were successful in launching many voluntary projects for the promotion of social well-being. As a true democracy, the citizens of this country must accept progressively increasing social responsibilities rather than encourage the fostering of a totalitarian tendency and a paternal state which would spoon-feed the people and make them dependent for, this is against the very grains of social work philosophy.

I hope on this day social workers will effectively interpret local social needs to the people and enlist their active support for all welfare projects in the area.

Lastly, I convey my personal greetings and good wishes to social workers all over India, and wish them success in all their endeavours.

PRESIDENT
Indian Conference of Social Work

Crisis In Hyderabad Congress Affairs

FIVE MEMBERS RESIGN FROM EXECUTIVE BODY

SECUNDERABAD, Feb. 19 (U.P.I.).

THE gulf dividing the rank and file of the Hyderabad State Congress, which appears to have been temporarily bridged on the intervention of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, is once again widening and the two groups are falling apart.

The latest crisis is in the Working Committee, the chief Executive of the State Congres. Dr. G. S. Melkote, right-hand man of Swami Ramanand Tirth, the retiring President of the State Congress, is reported to have tendered his resignation on the Committee following his disagreement with the President of the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee, a component of the State Congress. Mr. Govind Das Shroff, Mr. S. K. Vaishampayan, Mr. K. V. Narasing Rao, and Mr. J. K. Praneshachari, (General Secretary) also belonging to Swamiji's Group, are reported to have submitted their resignations of the Committee to the President, although on a different issue, namely the interference in the State Congress affairs by Indian Congress leaders.

Swami Ramanand Tirth who left for Delhi yesterday to hold talks with Indian leaders, on his return here, is expected to give a lead to members of his group. The question of holding the State Congress session announced for February 25 and 26 at Nizamabad, will also be decided on his return.

There is already a talk that the members of the State Congress belonging to Swamiji's Group who have already resigned from the Congress are forming a new political party under the name of the "progressive party".

Diplomats To Present Credentials Again

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19.

Following the introduction of the Republican constitution by India on January 26, all the diplomats in New Delhi have to present fresh credentials to the President.

The former credentials were addressed to the King of England, it will be recalled. India no longer owes allegiance to the British King, hence the fresh credentials.

DISSOLVE PRESENT COUNCIL

Chandernagore Body's Demand

CHANDERNAGORE, Feb. 19 (UPI): The Executive Committee of the Chandernagore Lok Sewak Sangh, at a meeting today adopted a resolution demanding from the French Government the dissolution of the present Council of Administration at an early date for the "multifarious acts of ommission and commission", in the absence of a definite date for merger of Chandernagore with Indian Republic.

On the failure of the French Government to do so, the resolution stated, firmer attitude for fulfilment of the objective would be considered at the next meeting by the middle of March.

The resolution also drew the attention of the Government of India to the implementation of the demands of the people of Chandernagore as expressed by the three-man delegation of the Lok Sevak Sangh which visited Delhi in December last.

Miraj Bangle Merchants' Hartal

MIRAJ, Feb. 19 (P T I): Bangle merchants observed "hartal" yesterday as a protest against the sales tax on one anna per rupee.

The Miraj Bangle Merchants Association later at a meeting held in the night decided to send a resolution to the Chief Minister and the Finance Minister of Bombay appealing for the reduction of the sales tax.

Kolhapur Municipal Conference

KOLHAPUR, Feb. 19 (P T I): An extraordinary general meeting of the Kolhapur Municipal Borough decided here to hold a conference of all the municipalities in Kolhapur District in April next.

R. T. C. ON POSITION OF INDIANS IN S. AFRICA

Sincere Desire To Restore Friendly Relations

NEW DELHI, Feb. 19, (PTI).

THE Indian, Pakistan and South African delegates to the recent Cape Town talks have recommended convening of a Round Table Conference to explore means of settling the Indian question in South Africa.

They have agreed to leave the venue and the date of the round Table Conference to be decided after consultation among the three Governments.

Announcing this an External Affairs ments of India, Pakistan and the Ministry communique today said:

"The delegations of the Govern- Union of South Africa met in Cape Town from the 6th to the 11th February, 1950, and held preliminary discussions in accordance with their terms of reference to consider the ppossibility of convening a Round Table Conference on the Indian question in South Africa and the subjects which might be discussed at such a Conference.

"The discussions took place in a cordial and sympathetic atmosphere and were animated by a sincere desire to restore and develop friendly relations between the three countries.

FRANK DISCUSSION

"After a frank and friendly discussion which enabled them to achieve a better understanding of one another's view points, the delegations agreed to recommend to their respective Governments that a Round Table Conference be convened to explore all possible ways and means of settling the Indian question in the Union of South Africa. It was agreed that neither the discussions under this formula nor the holding of the Round Table Conference itself would involve any departure from or prejudice to the standpoints of the respective Governments in regard to the question of domestic jurisdiction.

"It was agreed to leave the venue and the date of the Round Table Conference to be decided after consultation among the three Governments.

S. AFRICAN VERSION OF CAPE TALKS

Minister To Report To Parliament

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 19 (PTI-Reuter): South Africa's official reaction to the decision to hold round table conference to explore means of settling the Indian question in South Africa is expected to be indicated here tomorrow. Dr. T. E. Donges, Minister of the Interior, who led the South African Delegation at the preliminary talks will make a statement in the Parliament it is learnt.

STRIKE NEWS CAUSE HOOLIGANISM

W. African Complaint To B. B. C.

ACCRA (Gold Coast), Feb. 19 (PTI-Reuter)—Gold Coast native chiefs have complained the B.B.C. bulletins giving news of strikes and violence "stimulate hooliganism" among African youth. They suggest special broadcasts for West Africa without such news items. The complaint was voiced at a joint provincial council meeting in Dodowah, 25 miles from Accra, by the Council President, Nana Offori Atta.

Sir Thorlief Mangin, Chief Commissioner of the Colony replied that the Government had taken this up several times with the BBC and parliamentarians, but the Chief's suggestion for special news bulletins to West Africa had been found impracticable.

U. N. Asked To Stop Shanghai Bombing

SHANGHAI, Feb 19: Foreign Chambers of Commerce in Shanghai have appealed jointly for United Nations action to stop "indiscriminate bombing" of the city by Chinese Nationalists, reports reaching here said today.

U. S. HAS ONLY 8 DAYS' COAL

No Sign Of Ending Miners' Strike

WASRINGTON, Feb. 18 (PTI-Reuter): "Last ditch" peace talks were called off tonight with no sign of ending the soft-coal miners' strike which threatens to strangle America's economy.

Some 370,000 miners are on strike despite a Federal Court order telling them to return to work and a "go back" plea from their leader John L. Lewis. The country has only eight days coal stocks left.

Polish Restrictions On U. S. Attaches

WARSAW, Feb. 18 (PTI-Reuter): United States Air, Army and Naval Attaches in Poland may no longer leave Warsaw without permission from the Polish authorities, it was announced tonight. It was understood these new regulations apply only to United States attaches.

They must now give three days' notice when they want to leave the capital, together with details of the route and duration of their trip. They are forbidden direct contact either by telephone or letter with any Polish army institution. Similar travel restrictions were imposed by Russia on all diplomats and foreigners in Moscow in October 1948.

No foreigner is allowed outside a 30-mile circle around Moscow without a pass.

11 Marooned British Scientists Rescued

ON BOARD THE SURVEY SHIP JOHN BISCOE, Feb. 18 (PTI-Reuter): Smashing its way through 400 miles of thickening ice in a race against the Antarctic's winter freeze-up, this 1,000-ton vessel has accomplished its task of rescuing 11 British scientists marooned on Britain's southernmost base Stonington Island for two years.

Vatican Excommunicates Czech Priest

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 18 (PTI-Reuter): The Vatican today imposed its severest ex-communication on a Czech priest who accepted the Prague Government's appointment to a church office. He is Father John Dechest who took over the office of administrator of the empty bishopric of Neoaolio.

The Vatican excommunication bans him from the sacrament and orders catholics to shun his company.

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

I AM extremely grateful to Devere Allen, the versatile Editor of "Worldover Press". In a moment, you will see why. I am reprinting a little piece by him which does not need any comment from me or anyone; and I could not have done better, even in this column. From all of which, you will infer—if you have any intelligence—that it is cruelty to animals to ask me to do this column on Sundays when everyone else is enjoying an ill-earned rest. So I make way for D.A.:—

"A certain politician had a parrot. Whenever newspapermen gathered for a press conference, the bird was gay and valuable. But one day when the news writers came, they found the parrot glum. Nobody could coax him to say a word. Finally the politician explained: "He got tired of being misquoted."

"I rise to a question of personal privilege—just this once—and would like to express sympathy for that parrot. This column is published in quite a number of different papers, and when they get back to me in printed form, some of my writings frighten me no end. Bad proof-reading, no proof-reading at all, or mistakes in setting type often make me say things that lead me to expect a call from the white-coated men with straight jackets.

Some of my best friends are linotype operators, so I won't say anything harsh about the tribe as a whole, and anyhow they have me over a barrel. I've made boners myself for which the poor printer may have got blamed. Nevertheless, it would be a good thing, fellows, if we could get together and avoid some of the slightly colossal errors. Recently I wrote a column based on the idea of a minifier, the opposite of a magnifying glass. One client paper printed the key word throughout as "minifier." As a result, the point that discourse was about as sharp as a telephone pole. I might as well have written about the Miniver.

Down South America Way the column is printed in Spanish and Portuguese, and there it is not hard to discover some first-rate bloopers. Once I lamented the inhumanity shown in some communities to the "braceros", or Mexican laborers. A couple of papers managed to use a very similar word, "braseros." By changing one letter, the word means kitchen stoves. Again, a Middle Western paper was willing to publish my appeal for more imagination at Washington, only they made it read "immigration." Another time, when I urged an inquiry, one paper made it into "injury."

Classic examples of typographical errors exist, but they seem funnier when they happen to somebody else. The anti-monopoly writer must have felt it definitely uncomical when his copy was made to read that he was against monogamy. Once in Europe an English-language daily reported an interview with an ex-queen. As published, it began: "The Queen, sitting graciously, informally, smoothed her shirt (make that an 'h', boys, not a 'k') over her knees."

Have a heart, good friends in the composing room, and recognise the fact that my writing can be bad enough without any outside help. Sooner or later I can be depended upon to produce something, quite unaided, like the sign recently displayed by a Manchester, England, druggist: 'We dispense with accuracy'".

ENQUIRIES INTO CORRUPTION IN INDO-CHINA

General Revers Report To Commission

PARIS, Feb. 19 (PTI-Reuter): The French Press today carried the text of secret documents submitted by General Georges Marie Revers to the French Parliamentary Commission enquiring into alleged corruption in Indo-China.

A letter by General Revers, former Chief of Staff, did not name "leading French personalities" believed to be connected with the allegations, although the General had promised the Commission he would submit a note containing "indications which would enable them to find the names".

A report by General Revers dealt with his relations with Roger Peyre, recently described by Premier Georges Bidault as "triple agent".

M. Edmond Michelet, Chairman of the Commission, last night informed the members that the secret document had been unsealed, read and communicated to the Press by "one of our colleagues".

In his report the General dealt with diplomatic, military, political and economic information given him by Roger Peyer whom he described as being "more influential" than himself, even when he was Chief of Staff.

FORCING TO TALK

The Commission is now seeking the names of those with whom Peyre associated and from whom he acquired his information. The General said that for a long time he had been the victim of a Press campaign "trying to force me to talk. They want me to put forward the names of personalities as prey for their political opponents".

In his report Genera Revers claimed that Peyre informed him in August 1947 of Cominform plan for social agitation to be carried out later in the autumn.

"This action Peyre told me, was intended to hide the real Soviet policy, based entirely on the Asiatic Cominform, and on Soviet control of China".

General Revers also said that Peyre reported in January 1949 that the United States were contemplating for the future "certain restrictions" in the Marsnall Plan.

RED ARMY COULD BE ON FRENCH COAST

If U.S. Did not Have Enough A-Bombs,

LONDON, Feb. 18 (PTI-Reuter): Conservative leader Winston Churchill said at Loughton at the outskirts of London tonight that if the United States did not have the atom bomb in large quantities "there is nothing that would stand up to the advance of the Russian forces to the Channel coast of France".

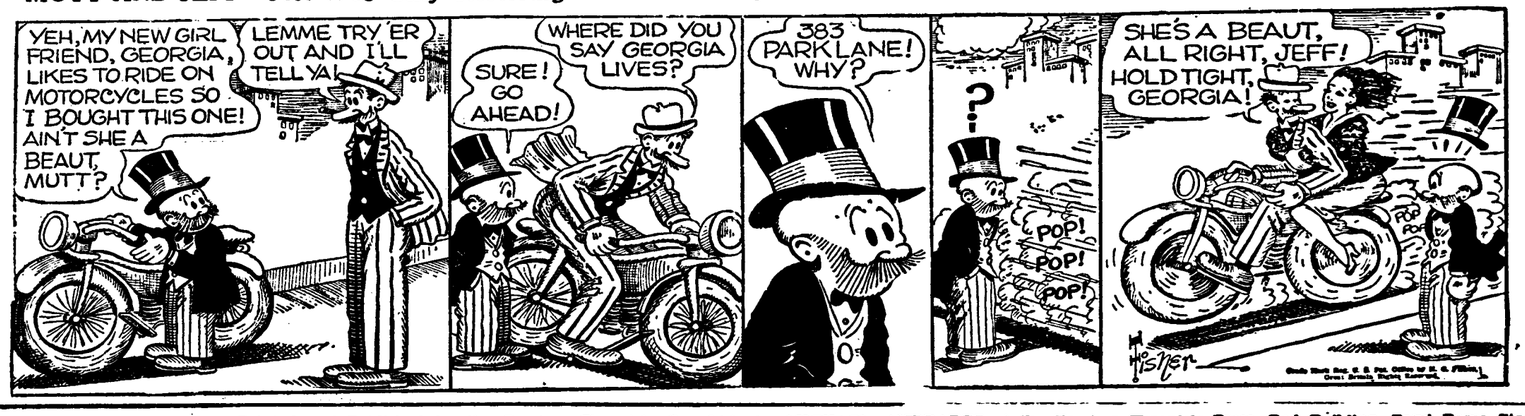
The size of the Russian Army and of her Allies behind the iron curtain "is gigantic—far greater than anything that could be produced by all the other powers to defend themselves", he said.

'Certainly they have far more than 25,000 aeroplanes in commission. I should not tell you what your figures are.

"It would be dangerous to say". he said

Mr Churchill reiterated his call for talks with Marshall Stalin.

MUTT AND JEFF—Jeff Was Only Referring To The Motorcycle — By BUD FISHER


YEH, MY NEW GIRL FRIEND, GEORGIA, LIKES TO RIDE ON MOTORCYCLES SO I BOUGHT THIS ONE! AIN'T SHE A BEAUT, MUTT?
LEMME TRY 'ER OUT AND I'LL TELL YA!
SURE! GO AHEAD!
WHERE DID YOU SAY GEORGIA LIVES?
383 PARK LANE! WHY?
?
POP! POP! POP!
SHE'S A BEAUT, ALL RIGHT, JEFF! HOLD TIGHT, GEORGIA!
POP POP

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